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Student notes for: “Why the Dog Hates the Cat”

Day: 1

1. Who is the narrator in “Why the Dog Hates the Cat?”

2. Why is the Widow Wang upset? What does she do about her concerns?

3. What does Ming-Li say in response to his mother’s concerns? What does he do in response to her concerns?

4. How are the Widow and Ming-Li’s responses to the challenging situation different?

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Focus question: What can you infer about the relationship between Ming-Li and the Widow Wang as revealed through their dialogue?

Dialogue between Ming-Li and the Widow Wang	What this reveals about their relationship
Widow Wang: "What shall we eat tomorrow, I haven't the slightest idea!" said the Widow Wang to her eldest son, as he started out one morning in search of work.	
Ming-Li: "Oh, the gods will provide. I'll find a few pennies somewhere."	
Widow Wang: "Bless his good heart!" said the poor widow after he had gone. "No mother ever had a better boy..."	