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Chapters 1-3	Student-friendly definition
Chinese New Year (p. 1)	The Lunar New Year, or beginning of the calendar that follows the moon's cycles as months; a major holiday celebrated in East and Southeast Asia
Speckled (p. 2)	covered with many small marks or spots
Sincere (p. 2)	honest and true
Values (p. 2)	a person's principles or standards of behavior
Brilliant (p. 5)	color that is very bright and strong
Symbolize (p. 6)	representative of a quality, feeling, etc.
Clinic (p. 7)	a place where medical treatment is given to people who do not need to stay in the hospital
Frantic (p. 8)	extremely hurried and using a lot of energy
Street vendor (p. 8)	a person who sells something in the street, either from a stall or with their goods laid out on the sidewalk
Lychee (p. 8)	a small round fruit with a rough pink-brown shell outside and sweet white flesh inside
Traditional (p. 11)	following ideas and methods that have existed for a long time
Grumpy (p. 12)	bad-tempered and easily annoyed
Talent (p. 13)	a natural ability to do something well

Chapters 4-6	Student-friendly definition
Flaky (p. 14)	tending to break into small thin pieces
Retort (p. 15)	to reply quickly
Citizen (p. 15)	someone who legally belongs to a particular country and has rights and responsibilities there
Uniform (p. 15)	a particular type of clothing worn by all the members of a group or organization
Courtyard (p. 16)	an open space that is completely or partly surrounded by buildings
Crucial (p. 16)	extremely important
Lecture (p. 16)	a long talk on a particular subject that someone gives to a group of people
Authority (p. 16)	an official organization that has the power to make decisions and has specific responsibilities
Absolute (p. 16)	complete or total
Firmly (p. 19)	not likely to change
Horoscope (p. 19)	a description of your character and the things that will happen to you, based on the position of the stars and planets at the time of your birth
Leap year (p. 20)	a year, occurring once every four years, that has 366 days instead of 365 days
Scramble (p. 20)	to try to do something difficult very quickly
Bundle (p. 21)	to dress in many clothes to keep warm
Frown (p. 23)	to make an angry, unhappy, or confused expression
Mumble (p. 24)	to say something too quietly or not clearly enough, so that others cannot understand
Festival (p. 24)	a special occasion when people celebrate something such as a religious event

Chapters 7-12	Student-friendly definition
Introduce (p. 25)	to meet someone and tell each other your names for the first time
Nutritious (p. 27)	nourishing
Vitamin (p. 27)	a pill containing chemicals that are good for health
Grumble (p. 29)	to keep complaining in an unhappy way
Convince (p. 29)	to persuade someone
Shrivel (p. 32)	something that becomes smaller and its surface becomes covered in lines because it is very dry or old
Ammonia (p. 36)	a clear liquid with a strong bad smell that is used for cleaning
Allergic (p. 36)	a medical condition in which you become ill or in which your skin becomes red and painful because you have eaten or touched a particular substance
Cackle (p. 36)	to laugh in a loud unpleasant way
Jade (p. 38)	a hard, usually green, stone often used to make jewelry
Shimmer (p. 40)	to shine with a soft light that looks as if it shakes slightly
Embroidered (p. 43)	to decorate cloth by sewing a pattern, picture, or words on it with colored threads
Flutter (p. 45)	to make small gentle movements
Vigorously (p. 48)	in a way that uses a lot of energy and strength or determination

Chapters 13-15	Student-friendly definition
Publish (p. 53)	to arrange for a book, magazine, etc. to be written, printed, and sold
Rotten (p. 54)	very bad
Temporary (p. 55)	continuing for only a limited period of time
Established (p. 55)	known to do a particular job well
Magnificent (p. 56)	impressively good or beautiful
Stern (p. 56)	serious and strict
Discovery (p. 60)	a fact or thing that someone finds out about that was previously unknown
Optimal (p. 63)	the best or most suitable
Scrawny (p. 64)	very thin and weak
Puzzled (p. 64)	confused and unable to understand something
Judge (p. 65)	to decide the result of a competition
Substantiate (p. 65)	to prove the truth of something that someone has said
Flawed (p. 66)	spoiled by having mistakes, weaknesses, or by being damaged
Glum (p. 66)	unhappy
Depressed (p. 66)	very unhappy
Thrilling (p. 67)	interesting and exciting

Chapters 16-22	Student-friendly definition
Shatter (p. 70)	to brake into many pieces
Unique (p. 72)	being the only one of its kind
Original (p. 73)	completely new and different from anything that anyone has thought of before
Rehearsal (p. 76)	a time when all the people in a play, concert, etc. practice before a public performance
Notice (p. 77)	to see or realize that something exists
Grateful (p. 78)	thankful
Sacrifice (p. 78)	an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy
Plead (p. 78)	to ask for something in a sincere and emotional way
Deliberately (p. 78)	done in a slow careful way
Scowl (p. 79)	to look at someone in an angry way
Perm (p. 81)	to chemically curl straight hair
Unreliable (p. 83)	unable to be trusted or depended on
Beckon (p. 84)	to make a hand signal to someone to show you want them to come towards you or to follow you
Ovation (p. 85)	an enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by clapping
Ornament (p. 87)	decoration that is added to something
In unison (p. 93)	together
Convention (p. 95)	a large formal meeting for people who belong to the same profession, organization, or other type of group

Chapters 23-29	Student-friendly definition
Culture (p. 100)	the beliefs, way of life, art, and customs that are shared and accepted by people in a particular society
Jabber (p. 101)	to talk quickly in an excited and unclear way
Simmer (p. 104)	to boil gently, or to cook something slowly by boiling it gently
Impatient (p. 105)	annoyed because of delays, someone else's mistakes, etc.
Fair (p. 107)	reasonable and right
Cramped (p. 107)	not enough space
Devour (p. 110)	to eat something quickly
Stockings (p. 115)	a thin close-fitting piece of clothing that covers the leg and foot; tights
Bluster (p. 117)	to blow violently
Gather (p. 119)	to come together and form a group
Rummage (p.122)	to search for something by moving things around in a careless or hurried way
Practical (p. 124)	sensible and realistic
Seize (p. 130)	to take hold of something suddenly and violently
Hustle (p. 133)	to do something with a lot of energy and determination