

Vocabulary From This Book

Nouns

concentration, discipline, force, strengths, warrior

Heroic Words

calm, devote, prevails, renewed, yield

Beautiful Warrior

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BOOK
PITCH!



Kung fu teaches discipline and the power of keeping a steady concentration.

Mingyi must master these things! It's the only way she can save herself from unwanted marriage, and kung fu expert Wu Mei only has one year to teach them to her. Does Mingyi have what it takes to defeat a huge opponent and become a hero?

Introduce Vocabulary Strategy

BUILD WORD POWER Connect students' experiences to the major theme of the book, **concentration**. Explain to students that many things in life require concentration. For example, when baseball players are batting, they must have total concentration on the ball. In other words, *concentration* means "focus" or "close attention." Ask the students to name some activities they do that require concentration. Remind them that this ability will be a major theme in the book they are about to listen to.

Explain how to use context clues to figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word like *concentration*. For example, in the book you'll be reading, Mingyi is taught how to keep her concentration. Show students that they can use the words that surround *concentration*—like "staying on the poles took so much concentration Mingyi forgot to complain"—to help them understand the word's meaning.

HIGHLIGHT CONTEXT CLUES Coach students to use context clues to understand the meanings of nouns. Remind students that nouns are words that name persons, places, things, or ideas. Create a sentence with a noun and context clues, such as *A famous singer gave a donation of \$5000 to buy uniforms for our band*. Use a chart with the headings "Noun," "Clues," and "Meaning." Fill in the columns of the chart. Have students supply more sentences that use context as clues to support the meaning of nouns, and add to the chart. Then, connect this strategy to the story by reminding students that as they listen to the kung fu legend they will find themselves using context clues to understand some important nouns.

NOUN	CONTEXT CLUES	MEANING
donation	gave \$5,000	gift
concentration	forgot to complain	close attention

Strategies to Highlight



Vocabulary Building Strategy

- Context Clues: Nouns



Comprehension

- Make Predictions



Literary Element

- Legend

Resources

Beautiful Warrior

- Teacher copy and two student copies

Teacher Book Notes p. 36

Student ThinkMarks p. 54

Review/Reteach

- Make Predictions, p. 51

Graphic Organizer p. 58