

Chapter Questions **The Breadwinner**

Chapter Nine

1. How are Parvana's and Shauzia's lives similar? How are they different?
2. What two plans do Mrs. Weera and the mother have? Why are the plans dangerous?

Chapter Ten

1. What is the job the girls do? Do you think you would be able to do it? What do you think makes them able to do it?
2. "Kabul has more land mines than flowers," the father used to say (page 109). Share what you know about land mines.
3. The girls say that they must remember the experience of bone-digging when they are rich old ladies drinking tea together. Do you think that vision of their future will come true? Why do you think that?

Chapter Eleven

1. Why did Parvana end up telling her family about the bone-digging even though she had said she wouldn't?
2. How did digging bones lead to the girls' new job?
3. How is the relationship between Parvana and Nooria changing?
4. What happens at the soccer stadium? Why do you think the author chooses to include scenes like this one and the scene about the bone-digging?

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Chapter Twelve

1. What is Shauzia's dream? What is your opinion of her wanting to leave?
2. Why did Parvana's parents disagree about leaving Afghanistan?
3. What does Parvana want her life to be like? Are you surprised by what she wants?
4. Pages 131–32 describe areas in Afghanistan outside of Kabul. Locate the areas on the map. How do the descriptions differ from those of Kabul? Why is it valuable for Parvana to talk to the people from these outside areas?
5. What do we learn about the reasons for the Window Woman's little gifts to Parvana?