

“A Family Supper” by Kazuo Ishiguro: Questions for Discussion and Writing

1. Discuss the significance of the title. Why do you think Ishiguro chose such a plain, simple title? How is this choice characteristic of his writing style in general?
2. Describe the tone and mood of the story. What factors in the story and narrative details contribute to these emotions?
3. Discuss the significance of *fugu* in the story.
4. What can we infer about why the narrator’s parents were upset with his “behavior” earlier in his life? What light does the story shed on his father’s values and personality?
5. Describe the narrator’s sister, her relationship with the narrator, and her relationship with her father.
6. What do you think is implied by the narrator’s reaction to the photograph of his mother?