

1. Who was Dr Sadao? Where was his house?
 - Dr Sadao Hoki was an eminent Japanese surgeon and scientist. He completed his study of medicine in America. His house was located next to a narrow beach, surrounded by pines.
2. Will Dr Sadao be arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy?
 - Japan was at war with America and so harbouring an enemy meant being a traitor to the nation. Dr Sadao could be arrested if anyone complained against him.
3. Will Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself?
 - The wounded man was an American Prisoner of War. He was in a bad state. Hana knew that he needed to be washed before being operated and so told their servant Yumi to do so. Yumi refused to wash the wounded man and so Hana had to wash him herself.
4. What will Dr Sadao and his wife do with the man?
 - Dr Sadao knew that giving shelter to the enemy would get them into trouble. He was torn between his moral duty as a doctor to save the dying man and his national duty as a patriot to hand him over to the Army. But they will take the man home, give him medical treatment, then decide what to do with him.
5. There are moments in life when we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and citizens with a sense of national loyalty. Discuss with reference to the story you have just read.
 - One day, Dr Sadao, a prominent Japanese surgeon found an enemy soldier flung out of the ocean. He was badly wounded. It was the time of the Second World War. Dr Sadao was in a dilemma whether to throw the man back into the sea or save his life. Finally, he rose above his narrow prejudices and brought the man into his house. Knowing the risk involved in harbouring an enemy, he treated the enemy. As per humanistic angle, it is a doctor's duty to save a human life.