

# Amina's Voice

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1. What happened when Mr. Heller came to the meeting after the Islamic Center was looted?  
He offered to do repairs on the building. He would only charge for the supplies and the labor.
2. How was the Quran competition allowed to go forward?  
Soojin's parents arranged for it to take place at their church.
3. What special secret did Emily tell Soojin and Amina?  
She liked Justin and was wondering if the girls thought that he might like her too.
4. Why did Soojin want to change her name?  
She wanted to change her name since she was going to become an American citizen. She wanted to change it since no one was able to say it correctly. She wanted an easy American name - Susan.
5. Why did Soojin's family come to the meeting in the cafeteria after the Islamic Center was looted?  
They were good friends with Amina's family and they wanted to show their support.
6. What made Emily become embarrassed during lunch?  
Luke found out about her liking Justin and was teasing her about it in front of all her classmates.
7. Why did Baba leave the house early one morning?  
Someone broke into the Islamic Center and caused great damage. They destroyed everything and tried to burn down the building.
8. When Thaya Jean came to America what did he feel that Amina and her brother should be doing?  
He felt that Amiya and Mustafa should be speaking Urdu when they are at home. If the kids spoke back in English the parents should not answer them back. He also felt that music and singing were not something that should be done in the home.
9. What did Amina discover that Mustafa was doing that was wrong when they were at the Islamic Center?  
She overheard Mustafa talking to Imam Malik about him sneaking off to play basketball and that the boys that Mustafa was hanging with were also smoking.
10. Why didn't Baba want Mustafa to join the basketball team?  
Baba wanted Mustafa to focus on his schoolwork and he felt that basketball would distract him.

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11. What did Amina love to do?

She loved anything with music. She played the piano when anyone came to the house. She also loved to sing but was afraid to do it in front of anyone.

12. Why was Amina surprised when Thaya Jean performed a prayer?

She heard him and realized that his voice was beautiful. It almost sounded like a song to her.

13. Why was Amina surprised at the Quran competition?

She learned that Mustafa had musical talent. He sounded like a younger version of Thaya Jean.

14. What did Mustafa decide to do with some of his winnings?

He would like to start a basketball league for the younger children at the Islamic Center when it is rebuilt.

15. Why did Thaya Jean feel that Amina should not do musical things?

He felt that playing the piano and sing was a waste of time. He reminds them that music is forbidden in Islam and there is no benefit to it. She should focus on memorizing the Quran.

16. Why did Baba sign Mustafa and Amina up for the Quran competition?

Imam Malik asked for Amina and Mustafa to take part so Baba signed them up.

17. What did Salma Auntie bring to the house before the families watched the news?

She brought food (vegetable rice and meat pastries) to Amina's house because she was stressed out from the news. She always cooked large amounts of food when she was stressed.

18. What happened when Bradley mentioned he would like to get to know Emily?

Amina accidentally told him Emily's secret. She told him that Emily liked Kevin. She immediately knew she betrayed the girls' trust.

19. Why did Soojin accept Emily?

Soojin accepted Emily because she believed that Emily had changed. Emily was no longer hanging with Julie.

20. Why was Mustafa not allowed to go out with his team?

He had gone out with them and came home late one time. He was only allowed to go to the game and practices and then had to come straight home.