

Anticipate

- ① Judging from the title, imagine what the text may deal with?
- ② Read the introduction. Imagine why Kavita has decided to give birth to her child in an abandoned hut instead of her home.

Read the text carefully and answer the following questions

- ③ List all the characters present in the extract. (names / relationship)

- ④ Sum up the story briefly in your own words

- ⑤ Focus on l 1 to 11

-How does Kavita first react when she sees she has given birth to a baby girl? Pick all the words describing her feelings and then rephrase.

- What does Kavita mean when she says "no one heard my prayers" (l1)? Explain in your own words.

-What does she ask the midwife? Why?

- ⑥ Focus on l 12 to 25 -

-How does Jasu feel when he first walks into the hut? Why? Quote the text to back your answer.

-Describe Jasu's change of attitude quoting from the text. Explain in your own words.

-What does Jasu blame Kavita for?

-Focus on Kavita's reaction. Pick out the text and then rephrase. How can you account for it?

- ⑦ Focus on l 26 to the end

- How does Jasu react as Kavita stand up to him?

-What arguments does he put forward?

- How does Jasu look upon girls?

-What is Kavita determined to do? Why? (can you imagine what happened to her first baby girl?)

-What does she beg her husband in the end? Guess why? What does she secretly intend to do?

-How does Jasu react? Quote the text and explain.

What will happen afterwards?

toolbox

<p>Nouns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● despair ● infanticide /ɪn'fæntɪsɪd/ <p>Adjectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● motherly: <i>maternel</i> ● unwanted ● dreadful /'dredfʊl/ = awful ● broken-hearted = devastated ● helpless: <i>impuissant, désespéré</i> <p>Verbs & expressions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● give birth to: <i>donner naissance à / accoucher de</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● grant a wish / prayer: <i>exaucer un vœu / une prière</i> ● break the news: <i>annoncer la nouvelle</i> ● expect ● reject ● snatch / grab sth from sb: <i>arracher</i> ● fear = tremble for ● abandon = give up ● compel = obliger ● vanish = disappear ● beg: <i>(ici) implorer</i> ● get rid of: <i>se débarrasser de</i>
---	---