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NOTE: This resource is designed to accompany the books listed above. To obtain maximum benefit from the activities, you may want students to read the books themselves or you may choose to read them aloud to your class.

Tikki Tikki Tembo

by Arlene Mosel



As was the custom in the China of long ago, a mother's first and honored son was given a great, long, wonderful name—Tikki tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo. Her second son was given a short name which meant "little" or "nothing"—Chang.

One day, as the young brothers played by a well, Chang fell in and his brother rushed to bring a rescuer back to him. Chang was easily saved. However, months later when the same misfortune befell the elder brother, Chang had great difficulty summoning help promptly because of the length of his brother's name. Tikki tikki tembo-no sa rembo-chari bari ruchi-pip peri pembo was barely rescued in time.

Because of this incident, the naming custom was rethought, and all Chinese children now have short, "safe" names!

When and Where?

1. Does this story happen in the past, the present, or the future?

2. Does this story take place in a large city, a town by the sea, or a small mountain village?

3. Where does this story happen? Color the country.

