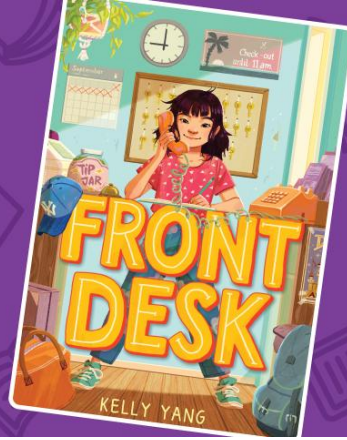
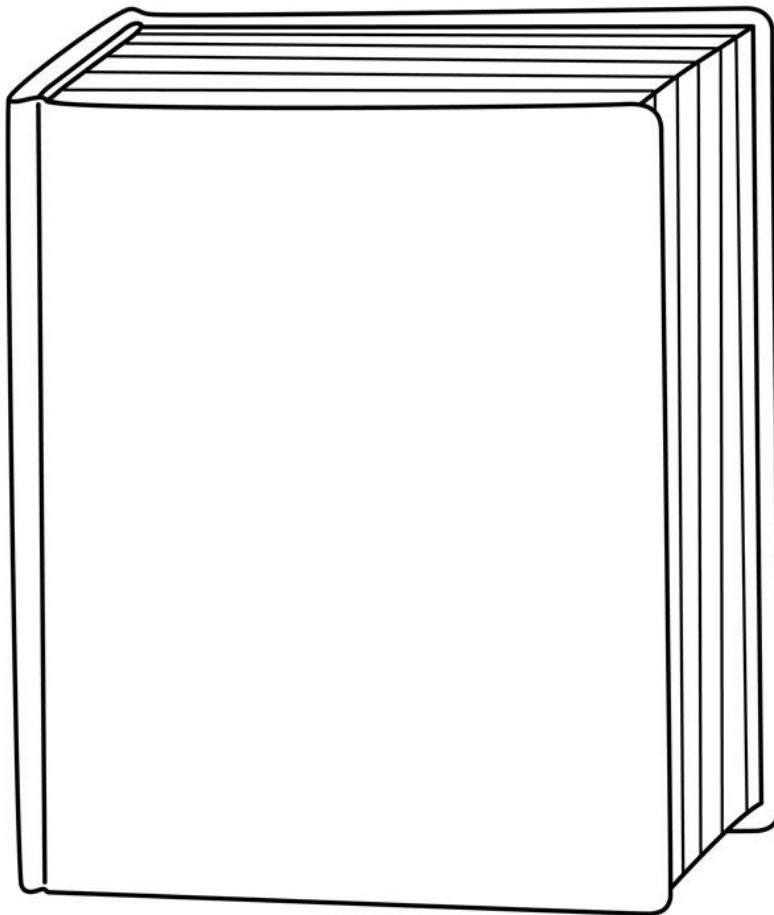


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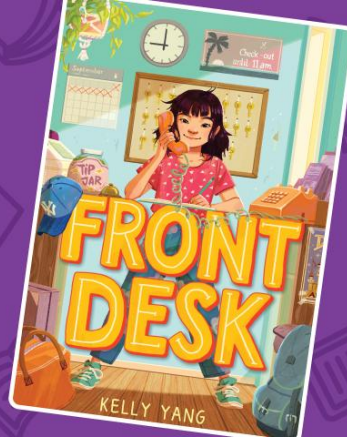


Design a New Book Cover



Using any medium you wish, and keeping in mind the tones and theme of the book, create a new book cover for Front Desk.

Family Reads



Session 1: pages 1-23

Name: _____

Say Eggplant!



What is significant about this moment and why?

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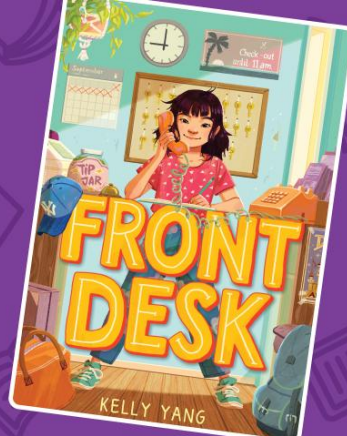
In the opening chapters of *Front Desk*, we learn that in China, photographers use the phrase "say eggplant" instead of "say cheese" when taking a photograph. Mia's mom says she thinks it's important to "take pictures of the nice moments of life, even if it's just in your head" (pg. 14). Think about a few special moments or memories from your life that you want to remember. Draw these memories in the photo frames and write a sentence or two underneath to explain what is significant about each moment.

Say Eggplant!

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Front Desk Word Search

N	I	P	I	Z	Z	A	H	U	T	S	M	Z	G	K	R	A	H	S	F
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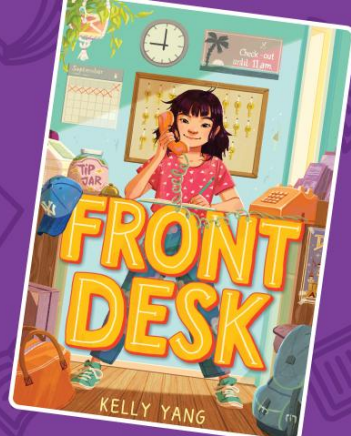
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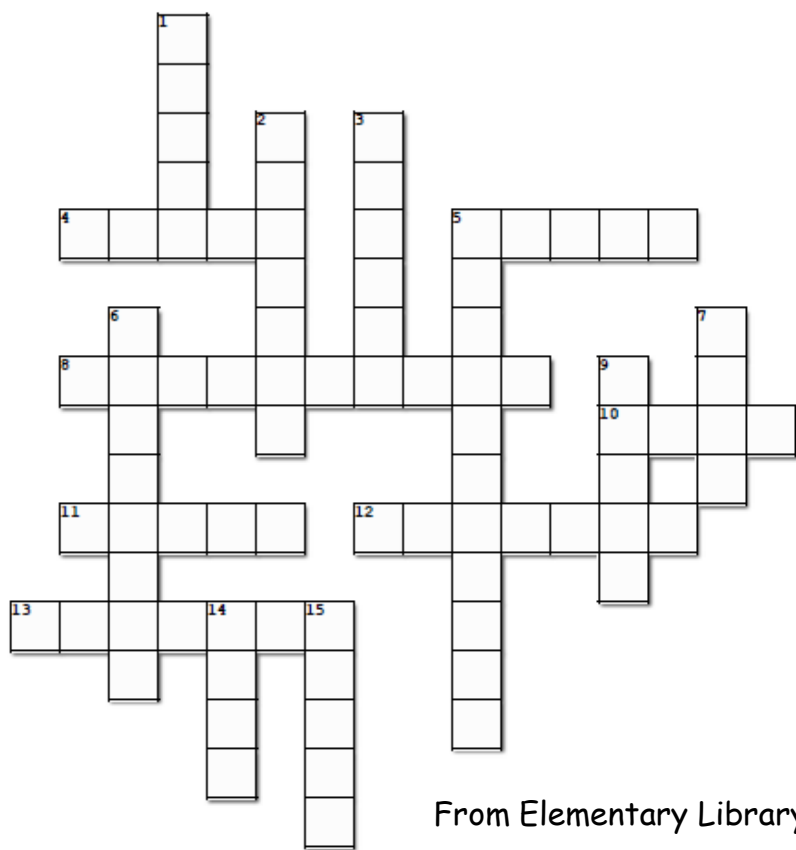
From Elementary Library Lady

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Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

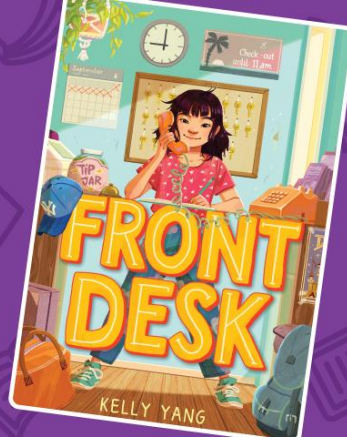
Across

4. Mr. Yao's son, a classmate of Mia
5. The _____ Inn was next door to the Calivista; their security guard wanted to share a list of 'bad people'
8. The Calivista motel was just five miles from this theme park
10. A weekly who stopped paying rent when he lost his job; Mr. Yao took his rent from Mia's family pay
11. Mrs. Yao and her son ran into Mia and her mother in this store; Mia's mother had a panic attack afterward
12. Mia did not win the essay contest to win a motel in this eastern US state
13. Mrs. _____, Mia's school teacher

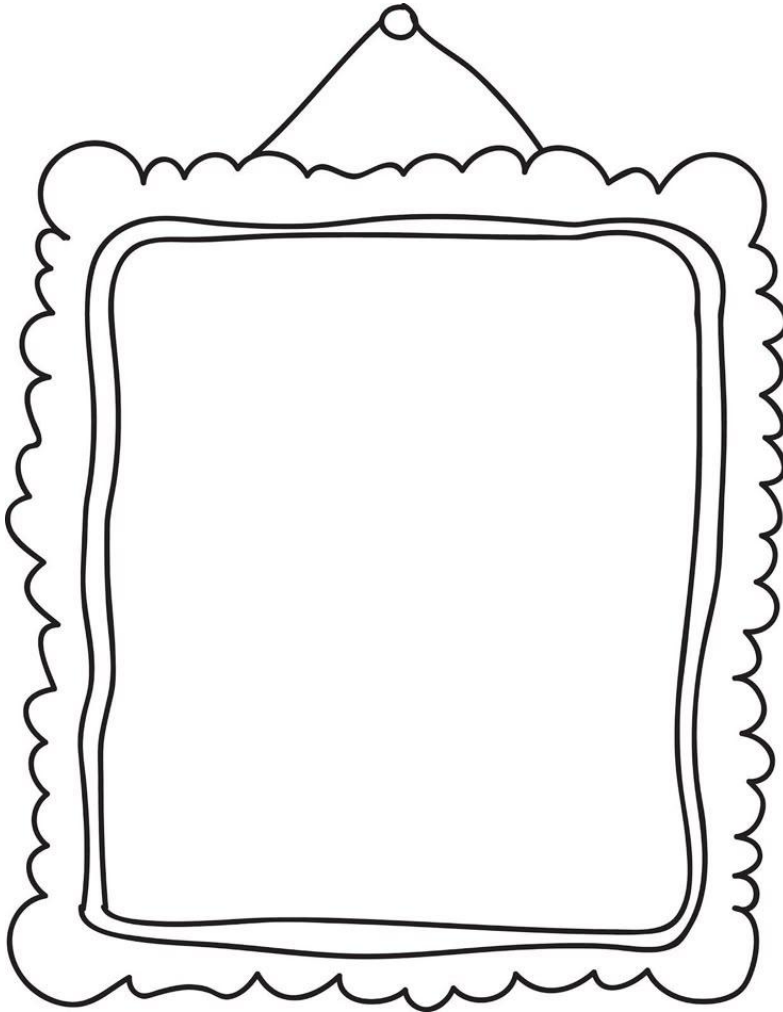
Down

1. A guest left this in the motel room after they left; Mia wore them until the guest returned to claim them
2. Mia secretly sold her father's 'lucky _____' so she could afford to enter an essay contest
3. Mia had this stolen by a classmate, and the teacher thought it was his!
5. Mr. Lorenz's green Ford _____ was reported stolen, but it was just an insurance fraud scheme
6. Mia won a writing contest at school and won a coupon for a meal at _____; the food was so good!
7. Front Desk was written by Kelly _____
9. Mia and her family immigrated from this country
14. Mia's best friend - her father was the cable repairman for the hotel
15. Uncle Ming got into trouble with a 'loan _____'; Mia's father even considered using one to buy the motel

Family Reads

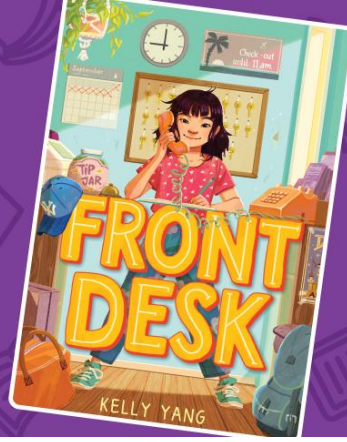


Portrait of Mia



Drawing on the author's descriptions of Mia, draw, paint or sketch a portrait of the novel's protagonist.

Family Reads



Front Desk Mix Tape

The book is set in the early 1990s – a time when mix tapes were very popular. Keeping in mind the tone, themes, time period, and geographical settings of the book, create a list of at least ten pieces of music that you think would make a good accompaniment to the novel.

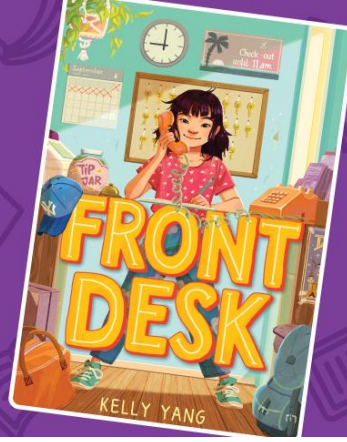
Song

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Artist



Family Reads



Imagine you are a casting director in charge of assigning real-life actors to the major and minor roles of the characters in the book. Share your casting lists with your classmates.

Character

Hank

Lupe

José

Mr. Tang

Mia

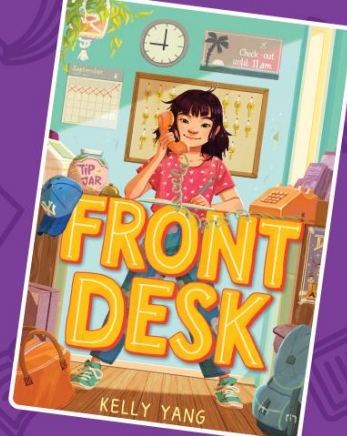
Mrs. Tang

Mr. Yao

Jason

Actor

Family Reads



Disney Land Colour by Numbers

