

Before-reading questions

- 1 None of the sentences are true.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Because he has been in hospital a lot.
- 2 Because he doesn't look ordinary.
- 3 So he can't see things if he doesn't want to.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Nervous
- 2 Jack

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Summer is pretty, but August is not.
- 2 They don't want to touch him.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Miranda looked and acted different.
- 2 He loves it.
- 3 Because he heard Julian and Jack talking about him.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Because she thinks he is interesting.
- 2 He tells her what they said at Halloween.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 He thought kids could be cruel, so August needed help.
- 2 Summer

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 They are interested in Justin, they talk and laugh a lot, and say "I love you" a lot.
- 2 They think he has a machine gun.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Because she doesn't want her friends to see him.
- 2 Via was in the play and not Miranda.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Ella doesn't talk about families and problems, just music and clothes.
- 2 Because Miranda says she is sick.
- 3 She is with Via and her family.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 He has never slept away from home without his mother or father.
- 2 Amos, Miles, and Henry
- 3 Freaks

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 A puppy
- 2 Julian
- 3 August, because he has helped a lot of children to understand important things about friends.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*
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- 3 *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 *Reader's own answers.*
- 5 *Reader's own answers.*

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

- 1 stare
- 2 principal
- 3 grade
- 4 homeroom
- 5 cafeteria
- 6 board
- 7 nervous
- 8 extraordinary

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 2 1 August wants to go **bowling** for his birthday.
- 2 August wears a **mask** on his face and nobody knows it's him.
- 3 Via doesn't **complain** because she's seen August after surgery.
- 4 The good thing about high school is that **nobody** knows Via.
- 5 Via knows she has a brother with **problems**.
- 6 Miranda, Ella, and Via were **together** through middle school.
- 7 Miranda didn't call Via after summer **camp**.
- 8 August usually loves **Halloween**.

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 3 1 e 2 d 3 a 4 f 5 b 6 c

CHAPTER SIX

- 4 1 c 2 e 3 a 4 d 5 f 6 b 7 g

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 5 1 Via told Justin about August before he **went** to her house.
- 2 "Is that a machine gun?" Jack asked. He **was looking** at the violin case.
- 3 Via's parents **invited** Justin to dinner.
- 4 Justin really **liked** Via's parents.
- 5 Jack **wanted** to buy some candy.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 6 1 August
- 2 August
- 3 Jack
- 4 Via
- 5 Mom
- 6 August
- 7 Mom
- 8 Via

CHAPTER NINE

- 7 1 Ella likes my pink hair and my new clothes.
- 2 Via and I didn't talk much in high school.

- 3 I started to miss Via and her family.
- 4 I'll always be another big sister for you.
- 5 It was evening and we were all ready to start.
- 6 I went to the dressing room and took off my costume.
- 7 There was no time to answer.

CHAPTER TEN

- 8 1 c 2 e 3 g 4 a 5 h 6 b 7 d 8 f

CHAPTERS ONE TO ELEVEN

- 9 1 August **has had** a lot of plastic surgery.
- 2 Via **has always been** friends with Miranda and Ella.
- 3 Miranda **has known** August for years.
- 4 "Julian **has turned** the whole class against me," said Jack.
- 5 The world **has been** cruel to August.
- 6 August **has never heard** very well, and now he needs hearing aids.
- 7 August **has never slept** away from home.
- 8 "You **have studied** very hard," Mr. Tushman said to August.

Project work

Reader's own answers.