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.
2 Reader’s own answers.
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
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**.

**CHAPTER FIVE AND SIX**

1. **c** 2. **d** 3. **a** 4. **f** 5. **b** 6. **c**

**CHAPTER SIX**

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

**CHAPTER SEVEN**

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**

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

**CHAPTER NINE**

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

3. I starter 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.*