

Before-reading questions

- 1 **Example answer:** Flora has a problem with her brain called anterograde amnesia, which means that she cannot remember anything after a few hours. Flora's "one memory" is kissing a boy.
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 **Example answer:** Because most of the people at the party are wearing jeans, but Flora is wearing a white party dress. Flora liked dressing up for parties when she was younger, but she thinks that she is too old for that now. She does not like looking different to the other people at the party.
- 2 "I have nothing to lose" means that it might be a good idea to try something, but it does not matter very much if you fail. Flora says this because she wants to take a chance and kiss Drake in that moment.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Paige finds one of Flora's Post-it notes that says, "I kissed Drake. I love Drake." After that, she tells Flora never to contact her again.
- 2 Flora's parents are very protective of her. They think of her and treat her like a little girl. They would be very worried if they knew that she had kissed a boy.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Flora knows that she must start writing herself good notes because she must manage on her own at home. Her "Rules for Life" are very important things that she has learned.

- 2 Flora can remember things (and people) from before she was ten. Drake's kiss is the only other thing that Flora can remember since then. Flora believes that her love for Drake could be helping to heal her brain/memory.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 **Example answer:** Flora means that Drake is the only person in the world that she wants to think about and hear from now. When someone starts to fall in love, sometimes they can only think about the one person that they love. Perhaps Flora is falling in love with Drake.
- 2 Flora sends her mum messages from Paige, pretending to be her.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Flora is very worried about her parents because they are late back from Paris. They have not texted or called her.
- 2 Flora finds a postcard of the Eiffel Tower, written to her from her brother, Jacob; her passport; and Jacob's address in Paris.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 **Example answer:** No, Drake probably thinks that Flora could never go to see him in Svalbard because of her anterograde amnesia and her protective parents. He is not asking her to come to Svalbard. (Drake asks Flora a "rhetorical question", which is a question that does not need an answer.)
- 2 Paige thinks that Flora is going to France to be with her parents because Jacob is now very ill. Flora is really going to Svalbard to see Drake.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Flora buys a bright red lipstick because she wants to look and feel old enough to have a boyfriend.

- 2 Because there polar bears outside of town.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 **Example answer:** Agi has little round glasses and is wearing warm clothes. She is from Finland. She is alone in Spitsbergen. She loves to travel. She writes about places that she travels to on her website, “Adventures of a girl on the road”. Today she is going to go around the town on a bus. She seems to like Flora.
- 2 Flora plans to walk into town and ask people if they know Drake.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 **Example answer:** Because perhaps Jacob knows that Flora has been on an adventure before. Flora is puzzled because she does not remember ever leaving Penzance.
- 2 **Example answer:** Flora puts on fresh clothes and lipstick and goes out for the evening, but a man in the guesthouse asks if she is going for breakfast. Flora realizes that it is not evening – it is very early in the morning and a whole night has passed. She did not notice because it is always light outside – the midnight sun is confusing her. She may also be confused because she is not taking her pills.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Flora reminds herself not to go to Svalbard in the winter months. The days in winter are dark because the sun never rises there.
- 2 Because Flora knows that Drake sometimes works at a satellite station, where there are satellite dishes. Flora remembers that she should be looking for Drake, so she runs away into the snowy landscape to try to find him.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Because Jacob knows that their parents give Flora pills to make her feel calm and sleepy. He feels that Flora is not herself when she takes them, and he thinks that she is happier without them.
- 2 *Reader’s own answer.*

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Toby works at a café in Longyearbyen. He is the man with the beard who Flora first met in Chapter Nine. Flora has been to Toby’s café, for coffee and to look for Drake, every day since she arrived in the Arctic.
- 2 Flora is very worried that a polar bear has been shot and killed because of her. She then sees a huge polar bear and two cubs, walking calmly up the mountain.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 Someone took a picture of Drake kissing Flora on the beach and Paige has seen it.
- 2 The family were in a car accident on their way to Flambards, and Flora had terrible head injuries.

After-reading questions

- 1 **Example answer:** Flora does not recognize the woman in the clothes shop, but the woman knows who Flora is because Flora has always lived in Penzance. Flora hates not knowing her own past. Now, Flora wants to feel like a different person – like a woman – in her new fur coat, but the woman in the shop knows that Flora is a young girl with amnesia.
- 2 **Example answer:** Flora writes notes to herself and puts them on the kitchen wall, so that she can remember things. She tidies the house before her parents come home. She goes to the shops and buys bread and milk before her parents come home. She finds

her passport. She finds Jacob's address and writes to him. She books her flights and hotel in the Arctic. She writes down her flight times and numbers and her passport number before her journey. She makes new friends in the Arctic. She buys herself warm boots in the Arctic.

3 Example answer: Like the polar bear mother, Flora's mother will do anything to protect Flora. Flora is brave, and she likes to go on adventures, but Flora's mum worries that Flora could get hurt. Flora's mum gives Flora pills that make her calm and sleepy, and easier to control, instead of letting her be herself. Flora's mum does this because she blames herself for the car accident that hurt Flora and gave her amnesia. *Reader's own answer.*

4 Example answer: Jacob went away to Paris because he hated seeing how his parents treated Flora. He did not want them to give Flora pills to make her different. Flora does not remember that she still has a relationship with Jacob. They speak often and Flora visited Jacob in Paris a year ago.

5 Example answer: Flora feels calmer and braver when she looks at those words. At the end of the book, we learn that those words are a tattoo on Flora's hand. That means that those words are always there – they cannot be washed off like her other notes to herself. Flora got it when she went on an adventure to Paris to visit Jacob. It reminds her to have lots of adventures. Perhaps it also reminds her of her brother. Flora's mum hates the tattoo because she thinks it "gives her ideas".

Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE AND TWO

1 1 Paige

2 Flora's mum

3 Flora

4 Drake

5 Paige's mum

6 Flora's dad

CHAPTER THREE

2 You are 46 17 years old and you live in Penzance in Cornwall. When you were ten a ¹ **tumour** grew in your ² **brain** and, when you were 11, doctors took it out. Part of your ³ **memory** went with it. You can remember how to do things (how to make a cup of tea, how to work the shower), and you can remember your life before the ⁴ **illness**. But ⁵ **since** it happened, you have not been able to make new ⁶ **memories**.

CHAPTERS FOUR AND FIVE

3 **1** Drake has probably seen my email by now and hasn't answered.
2 I look like I did when I was ten, only bigger.
3 My parents' flight from France landed around ten minutes ago.
4 Jacob is still very ill but we will come home as soon as we can.
5 Jacob is probably going to die but they don't want to tell me in a text.
6 I don't know why Jacob went away and never came back.

CHAPTER SIX

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

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

5 **1** Drake **is** (be) in Spitsbergen, and soon I **will be** (be), too.
2 I **have been reading** (read) my notes on the journey, so right now I know what I **am doing** (do).
3 This might be the first time that I **have ever slept** (ever sleep) in a room that is not my pink bedroom.

- 4 Soon my parents **will realize** (realize) that I **am not** (not be) at home.
- 5 Maybe the boys **were making** (make) all the noise.
- 6 “If you **don’t find** (not find) Drake, perhaps I **will see** (see) you here tonight,” says Agi.

Project work

Reader’s own answers.

CHAPTER NINE

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

CHAPTERS TEN AND ELEVEN

- 7 1 Where do Flora and Agi go together?
2 What dangerous animals do Flora and Agi see (on the boat tour)?
3 What does Agi/Flora see at the top of the mountain?
4 What does Henny tell Flora about Drake?
5 Where does Flora row to?/Where does Flora row the small boat to?
6 How does Flora feel when Drake says that she is lying?

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 8 1 I can’t go back to town, so I run up the mountain behind the **cabin**.
2 I want to stay here, alone in this **freezing** place, forever.
3 The man has a beard and a brown **spot** on his face.
4 “Yes, you have **amnesia**, but you are alive!” the man says.
5 There is a **gunshot** outside and I jump.
6 I smile at Toby and say, “**Thank goodness**.”

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 9 1 false 2 false
3 true 4 false
5 true 6 false