

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
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During-reading questions

CHAPTERS ONE TO FOUR

- 1 "Reading my mind" means knowing what someone is thinking, without them telling you.
- 2 He feels sick.
- 3 Dad is worried because Adam keeps having headaches.

CHAPTERS FIVE TO SEVEN

- 1 Dad first thinks that Emma is Melanie's little sister.
- 2 He knows because Dad shouts at him and tells him to go to his room. Dad doesn't often shout at Adam, so he knows that it is serious.
- 3 This means that Dante does not do stupid things and that he thinks before he acts.

CHAPTERS EIGHT TO TEN

- 1 The DNA test costs more than half of Dante's money.
- 2 Adam decided to be an actor when he was 12 years old.

CHAPTERS ELEVEN TO THIRTEEN

- 1 He thinks it is a shock for Dante to suddenly discover that he is a dad and a single parent.
- 2 Dad buys so many things for Emma because she is his granddaughter, and he thinks she is going to stay with the family for a long time.
- 3 Dad will praise Dante when he deserves it.

CHAPTERS FOURTEEN TO SIXTEEN

- 1 *Example answer:* He had a fight with someone./Someone hit him.

- 2 He thinks Josh doesn't mean the things he says./Josh helped him when some older boys tried to hurt him.
- 3 He meets her in the shop.
- 4 Adam told Josh in a very rude way that he was not interested in what Josh had to say.

CHAPTERS SEVENTEEN TO TWENTY

- 1 *Example answer:* He doesn't like her very much, because Aunt Jackie is very different to his mother. However, he likes her better after their conversation.
- 2 *Example answer:* He does not want to bond with her because he will feel very sad if she is not his daughter./in case she is not his daughter.

CHAPTERS TWENTY-ONE TO TWENTY-THREE

- 1 Veronica is a social worker.
- 2 Veronica will return in a few weeks.
- 3 She's seen Dante three times since Emma arrived.

CHAPTERS TWENTY-FOUR TO TWENTY-SEVEN

- 1 Dante needs Emma's medical card, her birth certificate and her red book with her medical notes.
- 2 *Example answer:* Adam is proud to be gay./Adam is tired of pretending./Adam wants Josh to stop being ashamed of being gay.
- 3 A woman called Zoe calls the police.

CHAPTERS TWENTY-EIGHT TO THIRTY

- 1 It takes Dad about forty minutes to arrive at the hospital.
- 2 Adam spends eight days in hospital.
- 3 Logan didn't get the right results to go to university.

CHAPTERS THIRTY-ONE TO THIRTY-THREE

- 1 Josh got his jacket for his sixteenth birthday
- 2 Dante lets go of Josh immediately and wipes his mouth, then gets very angry and punches Josh.
- 3 Emma cries.
- 4 Adam should take one tablet each night.

CHAPTERS THIRTY-FOUR TO THIRTY-SEVEN

- 1 About an hour.
- 2 Money that is given to parents to buy food and clothes for their children.
- 3 Josh sends Adam a letter.
- 4 It makes Adam think of when his mum used to hold him.

CHAPTERS THIRTY-EIGHT AND THIRTY-NINE

- 1 He finds it in Adam's bedroom.
- 2 He means that Adam did not act in the correct way. He did not think about how his actions would hurt the people who love him.
- 3 He was jealous because Dante and Emma have each other, and he has nobody.

CHAPTERS FORTY AND FORTY-ONE

- 1 His friends, his school, his life and, more than ever, his mum.
- 2 He feels that it is too small for him now.
- 3 Emma is the first person to speak.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Example answer:* When one person has to manage something difficult by himself or herself, because another person does not want to help, or runs away.

2 *Example answer:* At the beginning of the novel Dante is still a child, and he is very excited about his future at university. At the end of the novel, he has become a father and he is very interested in his daughter and her future. To start with, he resents Emma because he thinks she has ruined his life, but gradually he takes responsibility for having a baby daughter and matures as a result.

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Exercises

CHAPTERS ONE TO FOUR

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

CHAPTERS FIVE TO NINE

- 2 1 Melanie, what **have you been doing** since you left school?
- 2 So you **have passed** your exams.
- 3 Why **has Melanie left** her baby here?
- 4 How long **have you known** that you're Emma's father?
- 5 Dante and Dad **have been talking** since Dad closed the door.
- 6 How long **has Adam been listening** at the door?
- 7 Dad **has taken** the day off work, so that he can help Dante.
- 8 Finally, the baby **has opened** her eyes.

CHAPTERS SEVEN TO FOURTEEN

- 3 1 b, condom 2 g, foster
3 d, medical 4 e, gay
5 f, sigh 6 h, phase
7 a, stubborn 8 c, ruin

CHAPTERS FIFTEEN TO NINETEEN

4	Who spoke?	Who to?
1	Collette	Dante
2	Collette	Dante
3	Adam	Dante
4	Dad	Adam
5	Aunt Jackie	Dante
6	Aunt Jackie	Emma
7	Dante	Aunt Jackie

CHAPTERS TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE

- 5 1 If he **could stop** feeling so ashamed of himself, then maybe we might have a chance.
- 2 I know I **could** be a good dad if I **am given** the chance.
- 3 Would you be talking to me like this if I **was/were** her mum instead of her dad?
- 4 Veronica **told** me to call her if I **needed** help.
- 5 They will only **take** Emma away if she **is/'s** in danger.
- 6 If the baby lived with a different family you **could go** to university.
- 7 If he doesn't stop phoning me, I'll **go** crazy.

CHAPTERS TWENTY-SIX TO THIRTY

- 6 1 Josh said that he had not seen Dante in a while.
- 2 Paul told Josh that they had to leave immediately.
- 3 I told the policewoman that they had left before we did.
- 4 Dad told Aunt Jackie that it was his son who was fighting for his life.
- 5 The doctor told Dad that Adam's jaw and nose had been broken, but they had saved his right eye.
- 6 The nurse said that she would let them know when she had more news.

7 I told Paul that I would hit him if he didn't tell me where Josh was.

8 Paul said that the police had not caught Josh yet.

CHAPTERS THIRTY-ONE TO THIRTY-FIVE

- 7 1 false 2 false
 3 false 4 true
 5 true 6 false
 7 false 8 true

CHAPTERS THIRTY-SIX TO FORTY-ONE

- 8 1 d 2 c 3 e 4 a 5 b

ALL CHAPTERS

- 9 1 d 2 a 3 g 4 f
 5 c 6 e 7 b

Project work

Reader's own answers.