

Before-reading questions

- 1 **Example answer:** She (Layla) is wearing a hijab. This is something that Muslim women wear to cover their hair.
- 2 **Example answer:** In some countries, only boys study computers and robotics because people do not think that they are good subjects for girls.
- 3 **Example answer:** Sudan is in Africa. Some people from Sudan move to Australia so that they can get a good job and have a better life.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Layla hides her hair with her hijab.
- 2 Layla's best friend, Dina, comes from Pakistan.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 The twins are called Sami and Yousif.
- 2 **Example answer:** They are surprised to see a girl wearing a hijab at their school.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Ozzie tells Layla to be cleverer than the bullies.
- 2 The GDT is the Grand Designs Turismo – the biggest robotics invention competition in the country.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Ozzie is angry because nobody will give him a job.
- 2 Layla is trying to find an answer to somebody else's problem. She should invent something that will help her.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Leesa took a video of the fight.
- 2 Baz's party is at the weekend.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 They send money to their family in Sudan.
- 2 **Example answer:** Ethan means that everybody has their own problems.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 They find Layla in the tech room.
- 2 Layla missed her maths lesson.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Layla's dad cries when he watches a movie or when Layla wins something.
- 2 She hugs him because he is her friend and she wants him to feel better.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Mr Gilvarry eats the first arm.
- 2 For the arm to make a “C”, 3 PSI is needed.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 There is one person in Layla’s team: Layla.
- 2 She cries because she can’t compete in the GDT unless she joins Peter Cox’s team.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Part two of the competition begins in half an hour.
- 2 **Example answer:** She means, “Why does Peter think that he can talk to me in this way. Does he think that he is better or more important than me? Does he think he is someone special?”

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Peter is white and his family have money and know the right people. He can get a job easily and nobody shouts at him in the street. However, Ozzie is black and Muslim, so it will be more difficult for him.
- 2 Ethan really, really likes Seb.

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader’s own answer.*
- 2 **Example answer:** Peter Cox does not like Layla at the beginning of the story. At the end of the story, he is sorry that he has been horrible to Layla. He was horrible to Layla because he did not think that he was good enough, but his father expected him to be the best. Peter wants his father to be proud of him, but he is not. He was also horrible to Layla because she is black and Muslim.
- 3 **Example answer:** Ethan will always be seen as better than somebody who is black or Muslim, because he is white. People do not look at him and think that he is in a gang. People won’t refuse to give him a job because of the colour of his skin. Ethan’s parents do not have to send money to other people in their family so that they can buy food to eat.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Layla was in her bedroom, **wasn’t she?**
- 2 Dina is Layla’s best friend, **isn’t she?**
- 3 Sami and Yousif are twins, **aren’t they?**
- 4 Eid is like a Muslim Christmas, **isn’t it?**
- 5 Layla’s parents spoke to Adam’s parents about private schools, **didn’t they?**
- 6 Mr Savage decides what happens at Layla’s school, **doesn’t he?**

CHAPTER TWO

	Who spoke?	Who to?
2 1 "Show them that you're clever."	Baba	Layla
2 "You must be Layla."	Ms Taylor	Layla
3 "Do you mean, like, from my mother?"	Layla	Ms Taylor
4 "I'll call your parents."	Ms Taylor	Layla
5 "She was so funny in class today."	Seb	Baz, Gordon, Scotty and Tony
6 "That's Peter Cox."	Ethan	Layla
7 "Welcome to your new home!"	Mr Gilvarry	Layla

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 team, f 2 robots, d 3 respect, a 4 bully, b 5 final, e 6 compete, c

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 I'm working nights this week.
 2 Layla saw that she had a message from Ethan.
 3 Why does Peter hate me?
 4 I'm having dinner with my parents tonight.
 5 Nobody wants to give me a job.
 6 Dina and Layla decided to meet at the mosque.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 Layla was hurt because she **was not seen** in the same way as the other girls.
 2 All the cool kids **were invited** to Baz's party.
 3 Layla's class **were given** a history lesson by Ms Taylor.
 4 During apartheid, black people and white people **were not allowed** to go to the same school.
 5 The First Nations people **were treated** badly by the government.
 6 Layla **was told** not to worry about Ozzie.

CHAPTERS SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT

- 6 1 I'll leave / **will leave** you alone if you don't **want** to talk.
 2 Do you think that Ethan **will laugh** if Layla **tells** him that she likes him?
 3 If you **go** to Baz's party, you'll **meet** / **will meet** other cool kids.
 4 If Layla **melts** some gummy worms, she'll **make** / **will make** the actuators for her robot.
 5 If Layla **works** hard, she'll **finish** / **will finish** her robot before the competition starts.
 6 Ozzie's mother **will ask** if there **are** any jobs at the hospital.

CHAPTER NINE

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

CHAPTER TEN

- 8 1 Layla was **worried** because she didn't have a number.
 2 Baba thought that Layla's robot was **great**.
 3 Baba spoke to Layla in a **low** voice, after they left the registration desk.
 4 Layla was happy to be at the GDT. Finally, she was having a **real** adventure.
 5 Layla's table looked **empty** because her Huggy Bears were small, and her table was big.
 6 Nobody noticed that Layla was crying because the hall was full of **strange** noises.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 9 1 The robot can help **old** people do things in the house.
 2 Part two of the competition **starts in** half an hour.
 3 Peter's robot has problems with its **hands**.
 4 Layla and Leesa became friends **on Instagram**.
 5 Peter thinks that the Huggy Bear hands look **horrible**.
 6 Mr Gilvarry and **Baba** were in the front row.
 7 Layla's father took photos of Layla **on his phone**.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 10 1 **When** did Baba and Layla meet Mr Cox?
They met him after Layla and Peter received their trophies.
- 2 **Who** shook hands with Mr Cox?
Baba shook hands with Mr Cox.
- 3 **When** will Mr Cox talk to the principal?
He will talk to him next week.
- 4 **Whose** world is different from Peter's?
Layla's world is different from Peter's.
- 5 **Why** is Layla luckier than Peter?
She is luckier because her family support her and are proud of her.
- 6 **How** does Ozzie feel about Peter?
Ozzie can't forgive Peter.
- 7 **When** did Layla and Ethan talk?
They talked after lunch.
- 8 **Who** does Ethan like?
Ethan likes Seb.
- 9 **What** does Layla like inventing?
She likes inventing things to help other people.

ALL CHAPTERS

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

Project work

Reader's own answers.