

Read and Understand

(Chapters- Partners, Season's Greetings, Letters, Emails, Facebook, Texts, The War, August's House)

1. Why do August and Jack leave the room so quickly? Give two reasons for each of them.
2. Do you think August sent the holiday card to Jack?
3. How do you know that Jack's parents got the email from Julian's mum? And which of Jack's parents wrote the email?
4. Charlotte is nervous. Find evidence for this and explain why.
5. Why might Jack envy August? Find evidence.

Characters

In this novel, we get to hear about events from different character's perspectives or points of view. This can give us more information about how each character is feeling at a particular moment.

Write down your opinion of the character Jack before and after reading his section of the story. Make comparisons using the information you have read about him so far. Has your opinion changed much?

Infer What's Not There

Chapters- Olivia's Brother, Valentine's Day, Bird, The Universe

1. Why do you think Justin was nervous in the chapter 'Olivia's Brother'? Explain your answer.
2. Justin doesn't use capital letters. Why not?
3. List some words/phrases to show that Justin is cool (or acts like he is).
4. Why have Justin's tics stopped by the end of the meal?
5. Why is Via crying in the chapter 'Bird'?
6. At the end of the chapter 'The Universe', Justin says "the universe takes care of all its bird's". What might this mean?

Reflect and Respond

(Chapters- Detention, Back From Winter Break, The War, Sides)

1. Why do you think Jack punches Julian?
2. Mr Tushman is in a dilemma in the chapter 'Detention'. What do you think is going through his mind?
3. What does Jack's experience remind you of?
4. Charlotte says that Julian intends for Jack to have a 'wake-up call'. What might this mean?
5. Summer tells the boys that Charlotte made the list. Why is this not a surprise?



Text: Wonder (Pg 110 -144)

- Partners
- Detention
- Season's Greetings
- Letters, Emails, Facebook, Texts
- Back from Winter Break
- The War
- Switching Tables
- Why I Didn't Sit With August the First Day of School
- Sides
- August's House
- The Boyfriend
- Olivia's Brother
- Valentine's Day
- Our Town
- Ladybug
- The Bus Stop
- Rehearsal
- Bird
- The Universe

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Abbreviations

In the chapter, Letters, Emails, Facebook, Texts we see a text conversation between August and Jack. During this text exchange informal language and text abbreviations are used.

Texting language is used so often that the abbreviations have carried over to the English Language. Some words are replaced by letters or numbers. For example: 'before' can become 'b4', 'tomorrow' can become '2moz'.

Make a list of words and write the text abbreviations used for them. Use your list to create a text conversation between two other characters of your choice in Wonder.

Explore Some More

Complete the table contrasting Via's family with Justin's.

	Via's family	Justin's family
Relationship between mum and dad.		
Relationship between siblings.		
Home life.		
Protectiveness.		
Interest in Justin.		
Pets.		

Formal/Informal Dialogue

Letters and emails have a range of salutations based on the formality of the message, who you are writing to and whether you have written to them recently. Research some salutations and make a list of formal and informal. Here are some examples: *Kind regards, All the best, Thanks, Cheers, Yours sincerely.*

Can you create a five-paragraph letter or email, where each paragraph is written in a different level of formality, from very formal to very informal? The letter/email should make sense – you should stick to the same subject throughout.

Fact-File

Joseph Merrick (referred to as John Merrick in Wonder) is mentioned in these chapters. Research Mr Merrick and create a fact file, including why he's referred to in Wonder and what his quote, "Sometimes I think my head is so big because it is so full of dreams", has got to do with August.

You may include:

- Full name and date of birth.
- What he is famous for.
- Interesting facts.
- Why he relates to August.