

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to stare | a. a condition in which a part of the body is not the usual shape |
| 2..... a deformity | b. to look in a fixed or intense way |
| 3..... bullying | c. to convince (someone to do something) |
| 4..... the plague | d. worried or nervous about something |
| 5..... to persuade | e. an infectious disease that spreads quickly and often causes death |
| 6..... moving | f. a prize that is given for good work |
| 7..... anxious | g. having a strong effect on your emotions |
| 8..... an award | h. being repeatedly cruel or aggressive towards someone |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Auggie has had a lot of operations but still looks different. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Auggie isn't bothered by other people's reactions to his deformities. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Auggie doesn't start going to school until he is ten. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. The reviewer enjoyed the book and read it at every opportunity. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. The reviewer thinks that <i>Wonder</i> is best for young adults. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. The book starts and finishes with Auggie telling his own story. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. RJ Palacio is an experienced writer. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. In the future, you'll be able to see a film of the book. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Write the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Auggie's _____ (APPEAR) often shocks people.
2. Despite having twenty-seven _____ (OPERATE), he still looks very different from everyone else.
3. Some people stare while others look away as soon as they notice him. Both _____ (REACT) hurt.
4. Like every child starting a new school, he is really _____ (ANXIETY).
5. But because of the way he looks, it's an _____ (AGONY) experience.
6. As he goes through the school year, Auggie goes through many intense ups and downs until finally an _____ (EXPECT) traumatic event at school camp changes things completely.
7. Auggie is a very _____ (LIKE) central character.
8. He's got a good sense of humour; although readers will _____ (SYMPATHY) with him, I don't think they'll see him as a tragic character.
9. Many schools are using *Wonder* as a starting point for discussion about _____ (BULLY), friendship and what it's like to be different.
10. A film version is being made, and many, including me, are waiting _____ (EAGER) to see what RJ Palacio writes next.

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.

Discussion

Have you read *Wonder*?