

STARFISH

chapter questions



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CHAPTER QUESTIONS A

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Chapter Questions 1.a: Chapters 1-10
For Just A While – The Thing About Fatdar

Name: _____

1. How does the narrator feel in the first poem "For Just A While?" Why might this place be important to the narrator? Support with evidence.

2. Summarize Ellie's memory of her fifth birthday party. What does she remember about the party? How does this memory make her feel now? Support with evidence from the text.

3. Summarize the "Fat Girl Rules" Ellie learns at a young age. What do these rules ultimately make her do when she is around other people? Support with textual evidence.

4. In "What, Why, Who, How, When," Ellie mentions the First Fat Girl Rule yet does not state what it is. Based on her description, what do you think the first rule is? Support with textual evidence.

5. According to Ellie, when is life normal for kids, no matter their shape or size? What happens that changes this "normality?" Explain and support with evidence from the text.

➤ 15 Assignments
– 8 Questions
Each

➤ Comprehension
Questions

➤ Prompts Require
Textual Evidence

➤ Common Core-
Aligned Material

CHAPTER QUESTIONS A

6. Who is Ellie's new neighbor? How do you think Ellie feels about her new neighbor? How do you know? Support with evidence from the text.

7. How would you describe Ellie's "fatdar?" What emotions can she sense from others? Support with textual evidence.

8. Characterize Ellie. What kind of person is she? How do you know? Explain and support with details from the text.

Visualize the Text

Directions: Identify an example of figurative language or imagery from the reading that helps you visualize the text. In the space below, draw the image the figurative language or imagery creates. Include the quote and page number.



Quiz:

- Visualization Section – Figurative Language
- Accommodate for ALL Learners
- Great for Small Group or Rotation Models
- Rigorous Materials

CHAPTER QUESTIONS B

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Chapter Questions 1.b: Chapters 1-10
For Just A While – The Thing About Fatdar

Name: _____

1. How is the tone of the first poem different from the others? Why might the author start the novel with "For Just A While?" What does it reveal about Ellie? Support with evidence.

2. Analyze Ellie's flashback to her 5th birthday party. What happens? How does it affect her then? How does the event continue to influence her to this day? Support with evidence from the text.

3. Summarize the fat girl rules into a single, overall one. How do the rules influence Ellie's interactions with other people? Support with textual evidence.

4. In "What, Why, Who, How, When," Ellie mentions the First Fat Girl Rule yet does not state what it is. Based on her description, what do you think the first rule is? Support with textual evidence.

5. Ellie mentions how the first fat girl rule is learned when something changes. What do you think this change is? What suddenly is different in a person's life? Explain and support with evidence from the text.

➤ 15 Assignments
– 8 Questions
Each

➤ Analysis &
Critical Thinking
Questions

➤ Prompts Require
Textual Evidence

➤ Stimulate Class
Discussion

CHAPTER QUESTIONS B

6. Characterize Catalina. What type of person is she? How do you know? How does Ellie feel towards her new neighbor? Support with evidence from the text.

7. Describe Ellie's fatdar sense. What is it? What does she sense in other people? Why might someone have these feelings about someone who is fat? Support with textual evidence.

8. Although it is only the beginning of the novel, Ellie's experiences have greatly influenced her. How have Ellie's life experiences shaped the way she views the world? How does her perspective influence the way you view her? Explain and support with details from the text.

CRITICAL CONNECTIONS

Directions: Based on this reading, identify a reference, description, or statement that makes you curious. What question(s) does what you identified raise for you? What else would you like to learn about this topic?

Textual Evidence	Questions

Quiz:

➤ Critical Connections Section – Springboard for Discussion

➤ Use for Differentiation

➤ Google Slides™ Links – Pre-made Text Boxes for Students

➤ Answer Keys

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