**Reading List Questions and Answers**

**Y6 Wonder – R.J. Palacio P.82-83**

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**Reading text**

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**This chapter is written from the point of view of Via – one of the main characters in the story.**

**A Tour of the Galaxy**

August is the Sun. Me and Mom and Dad are planets orbiting the Sun. The rest of our family and friends are asteroids and comets floating around the planets orbiting the Sun. The only celestial body that doesn’t orbit August the Sun is Daisy the dog, and that’s only because to her little doggy eyes, August’s face doesn’t look very different from any other human’s face. To Daisy, all our faces look alike, as flat and pale as the moon.

I’m used to the way this universe works. I’ve never minded it because it’s all I’ve ever known. I’ve always understood that August is special and has special needs. If I was playing too loudly and he was trying to take a nap, I knew I would have to play something else because he needed his rest after some procedure or other had left him weak and in pain. If I wanted Mom and Dad to watch me play soccer, I knew that nine times out of ten times they’d miss it because they were busy shuttling August to speech therapy or physical therapy or a new specialist or a surgery.

Mom and Dad would always say I was the most understanding little girl in the world. I don’t know about that, just that I understood there was no point in complaining. I’ve seen August after his surgeries: his little face bandaged up and swollen, his tiny body full of IVs and tubes to keep him alive. After you’ve seen someone else going through that, it feels kind of crazy to complain over not getting the toy you had asked for, or your mom missing a school play. I knew this even when I was six years old. No-one ever told it to me. I just knew it.

So I’ve gotten used to not complaining, and I’ve gotten used to not bothering Mom and Dad with little stuff. I’ve gotten used to figuring things out on my own: how to put toys together, how to organize my life so I don’t miss friends’ birthday parties, how to stay on top of my schoolwork so I never fall behind in class. I’ve never asked for help with my homework. Never needed reminding to finish a project or study for a test. If I was having trouble with a subject in school, I’d go home and study it until I figured it out on my own. I taught myself how to convert fractions into decimal points by going online. I’ve done every school project pretty much by myself. When Mom or Dad ask me how things are going in school, I’ve always said “good” – even when it hasn’t always been so good. My worst day, worst fall, worst headache, worst bruise, worst cramp, worst mean thing anyone could say has always been nothing compared to what August has gone through. This isn’t me being noble, by the way: it’s just the way I know it is.

And this is the way it’s always been for me, for the little universe of us. But this year there seems to be a shift in the cosmos. The galaxy is changing. Planets are falling out of alignment.

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| **Content Domain** | **Examples of questions from each content domain**  **‘Using evidence from the text’ is a requirement in responses to all questions** |
| *2a* | 1. **Find** and **copy** one word meaning to do with the heavens.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**     1. Give the meaning of the word ***alignment*** in the final sentence.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. In the second paragraph, which word most closely matches the meaning of the word ***shuttling***…   speeding/ shuffling/ going/ taking  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. What does the word ***orbit***suggest about the relationship between August and the rest of the family?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(2 marks)** |
| *2b* | 1. What do Mom and Dad describe Via as being?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. In the first paragraph, what does the author compare the family to?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. Why doesn’t August’s face look any different to Daisy?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. What does Via use to teach herself fractions?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. Write down **two** things that Via’s mum and dad miss because of August?   **1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **2.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. Using information from the text to say whether the statements below are **true** or **false**?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Via’s parents have to remind her to do her homework.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The family are all named after planets.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Via never misses her friends’ birthday parties. **(1 mark)** |
| *2c* | 1. Why is the extract titled ***‘A Tour of the Galaxy’***?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(2 marks)** |
| *2d* | 1. In the extract, ***August*** refers to…?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. In paragraph 3 what evidence is there that Via has come to accept her life the way that it is?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. What evidence is there in the text that August’s face looks different?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. How do you think Via feels about her brother? Give evidence from the text to support your answers.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(2 marks)**   1. Why do you think Via has always told her parents that school is ***‘good’*** even when it hasn’t been? Use evidence from the text in your answer.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. ***‘So I’ve gotten used to not complaining, and I’ve gotten used to not bothering Mom and Dad with little stuff.’*** Explain what Via means by the ***‘little stuff’***.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)** |
| *2e* | 1. Based on what you have read, what does the last paragraph suggest might happen to Via and August?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)** |
| *2f* | 1. What impact do the final **two** sentences have on the text as a whole?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)** |
| *2g* | 1. Why did the author choose to describe the family as planets?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. In the fourth paragraph why has the author chosen to repeat the word ***‘worst’***?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)**   1. Why does the author use the simile ***‘pale as the moon’***?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)** |
| *2h* | 1. At the end of the extract what indication is there that life is about to change?   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(1 mark)** |

**Answers: Wonder**

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| *2a* | 1. celestial ***(1 mark)*** 2. not in their correct positions ***(1 mark)*** 3. taking ***(1 mark)*** 4. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * August being the most important * August being at the centre of the family * All the other family members having to fit their lives around his * All the other family members having to make sacrifices in their lives for his special needs ***(2 marks)*** |
| *2b* | 1. the most understanding little girl in the world ***(1 mark)*** 2. planets (also accept asteroids and comets) ***(1 mark)*** 3. To Daisy, all human faces look alike (can also include *flat and pale as the moon)* ***(1 mark)*** 4. the internet (do not accept *going online* as that is not a ‘what’) ***(1 mark)*** 5. Soccer games and school plays ***(1 mark)*** 6. Via’s parents have to remind her to do her homework. **False**   The family are all named after planets. **False**  Via never misses her friends’ birthday parties. **True *(1 mark)*** |
| *2c* | 1. Pupil answers could include reference for one mark to:  * The author is using a metaphor to show the relationship between August and his family * The author is using planets and the Sun to show how the family works and those are all in a galaxy   For a further mark, pupil answers should go into more detail:   * The author is telling you about each one of the family in turn (giving the reader a tour of the family) and how they all fit together like planets in a galaxy or parts of a universe. ***(2 marks)*** |
| *2d* | 1. Accept:  * the boy in the story * Via’s brother ***(1 mark)***  1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * She says that ‘I understood there was no point complaining’ * She says that she knew the way it was even when she was 6 years old * She says that no one ever had to tell her – she just knew she couldn’t complain   ***(1 mark)***   1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * To Daisy the dog, August’s face doesn’t look very different from any other human’s face * August little face has been bandaged and swollen after his surgeries ***(1 mark)***  1. For one mark, pupil answers could include reference to:    * Via feels sorry for him    * Via loves him    * Via accepts him the way he is   For two marks, evidence from the text could include reference to:   * The fact that she’s seen August after his surgeries: his **little** face bandaged and swollen, his **tiny** body full of IVs and tubes to keep him alive shows that he feels sad/ sorry for him. * The fact that she just gets on with her own life without bothering Mom and Dad so that they can concentrate on looking after him. * The fact that none of her ‘**worst**’ moments (day/ fall/ headache/ cramp/ mean thing) could ever compare to what August has been through. ***(2 marks)***  1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * She doesn’t want to worry them when they need to be focussed on August. * She doesn’t want to complain as none of the bad things that she has experienced can compare to what August has been through ***(1 mark)***  1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * Everyday things * Small problems that are not serious ***(1 mark)*** |
| *2e* | 1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * Their roles in the family might be about to change * August might be the one helping Via * Via might need August’s help * Via might need Mom and Dad more than August will ***(1 mark)*** |
| *2f* | 1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * An unsettling effect * They suggest that there is about to be a turning point in the story ***(1 mark)*** |
| *2g* | 1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * Planets have their own place in the solar system and they stay in that place – like the roles in the family * Planets are all grouped together like a family and they orbit one thing in the middle – like the family all organising their lives around August * Planets are part of a universe that cannot be changed no matter what happens – and that is what life is like for Via ***(1 mark)***  1. to emphasise just how hard life is for August ***(1 mark)*** 2. to enable the reader to imagine the colour by using something familiar to compare it to and to create a further link with the planets in the use of the word *moon* ***(1 mark)*** |
| *2h* | 1. Pupil answers could include reference to:  * Because the text says that ‘there seems to be a shift in the cosmos’ * ‘The galaxy is changing’ * ‘Planets are falling out of alignment’ ***(1 mark)*** |