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PART ONE

 Listen to the Text and do the Exercise.

1 ACTIVITY - Choose the correct answer a, b, or c.

1. How old is August?

- a. ten years old
- b. twelve years old
- c. fourteen years old

2. What does Via like doing?

- a. Via likes riding her bike.
- b. Via likes eating ice-cream
- c. Via likes protecting her brother.

3. Why does August have to go to the hospital?

- a. because his Dad works there.
- b. because he needs surgery
- c. because he hurt his face

4. Where does August study?

- a. He studies at home with his Mom.
- b. He studies at home with Via.
- c. He studies at Christopher's house.

5. What happened on the day August was born?

- a. His mom was very sick.
- b. The doctor fainted.
- c. His sister was very sick.

6. Why can't August go to Via's school?

- a. It's too far.
- b. It's too small.
- c. It's too big.



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PART TWO Chapter 2 – August

1 Read about what happens at lunch time on the first day at school.

Lunchroom teachers in the cafeteria say you can't save seats, but everyone does. I find an empty table and open my packed lunch. Girls look at me. I can feel their eyes and I hear their whispers. It's difficult for me to eat. I have a hole in the roof of my mouth and problems with my jaw. I eat like a tortoise.

A girl sits next to me. She has long wavy brown hair. "My name's Summer, what's yours?"

"August."

"Cool," she says.

Summer's eyes are green like leaves.

"How was school?" asks Mom. "From one to ten." Mom always does that. One is a little bit and ten is a lot.

"Five," I say.

"WOW! Were the kids nice? What about that boy Julian?"

I think about his Darth Sidious comment. "He was OK," I say.

"And I saw a pretty girl wave goodbye to you."

"That's Summer. We're like Beauty and the Beast."

That night I cut the braid on the back of my hair. Dad is pleased, but Via is surprised. "Did someone say something?" she asks.

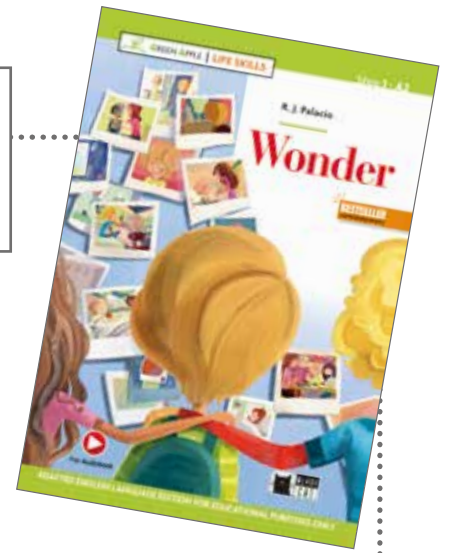
"No," I say, but later when Mom reads me a bedtime story, I cry. "Why am I so ugly, Mom?" I whisper.

"You're not." She kisses my eyes that are too far down my face, my hollow cheeks, my tortoise mouth. She says soft words, but words can't change my face. Many kids look strange: some have strange haircuts and earrings in their nose, some have pimples. But no kid looks like me.



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2 Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. No one saves seats in the cafeteria.
2. August sits at a table with two other girls.
3. August has problems and cannot eat properly.
4. Summer is a very pretty girl.
5. August's dad cut his braid.
6. August starts to cry because he is ugly.
7. Kids with strange haircuts and pimples look like August.

