

READING ACTIVITY

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Read the following excerpt from Chapter 2 and then do the activities.

I'm nervous on the first day of school. Mom and Dad take photos of me and Via and then we walk to school. nothing bad happens. Only once I see girls tare and whisper. We arrive at the front entrance.

"This is it, big boy," says Dad.

"Have a good first day. I love you," says Via.

I give Mom a quick hug because her eyes are full of tears. I go to my homeroom. I try not to notice the stares. I sit at a desk but the other kids choose desks far away from me. When I see Julian and say hi, he doesn't speak to me, but then someone sits next to me. It's Jack Will.

Our teacher, Ms Petosa, smiles at everyone, but at me the most. It isn't a shiny smile but a normal, sincere smile.

We have to speak about ourselves and suddenly it's my turn.

"My name's August. I have a sister called Via and a dog called Daisy." No one has any questions for me, so I sit down.

"Jack next," says Ms Petosa, but Julian raises his hand.

"I have a question for August," Julian says. "Why do you have a braid in your hair like a Jedi from Star Wars?"

"Do you like Star Wars, August?" Ms Petosa asks me.

"Yes," I answer. I want to go under the desk.

"Do you like Darth Sidious?" asks Julian.

"That's enough about Star Wars," says Ms Petosa.

Jack speaks next but I don't hear a word. In Episode III: Revenge of the Sith, Darth Sidious's face burns. He becomes totally deformed.

It's English next with Mr Browne. He writes P-R-E-C-E-P-T on the blackboard. No one knows what this means.

PRECEPTS = RULES ABOUT REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS!

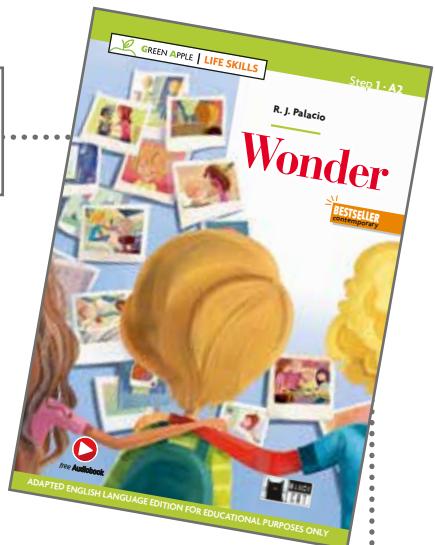
"Tell me some important things," says Mr Browne.

Kids say, "Rules, schoolwork, homework."

One girl says, "The environment."

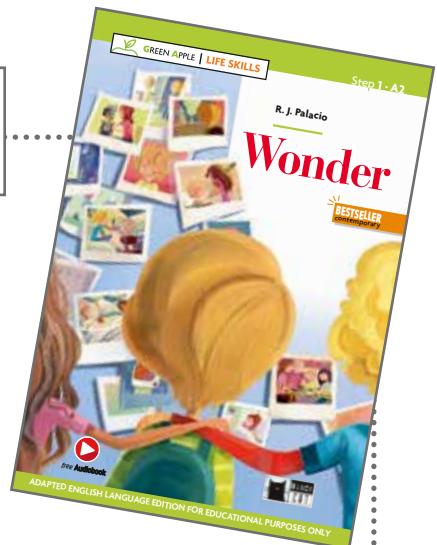
A boy says, "Sharks."

Mr Browne writes – SEPTEMBER PRECEPT. WHEN YOU HAVE THE CHOICE BETWEEN RIGHT OR KIND, CHOOSE KIND.



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1. Choose the correct answer.

1. On the first day of school, August is *happy/nervous*.
2. August and his sister Via *walk/take* the bus to school.
3. *Jack Wills/Julian* sits next to August.
4. The teacher Ms Petosa *stares/smiles* at August.
5. August's *dog/cat* is called Daisy.

2. Match the phrases 1-6 with phrases a-f to make complete sentences.

- 1. Julian asks August,
- 2. Ms Petosa asks August
- 3. August doesn't hear
- 4. Darth Sidious's face is
- 5. Mr Browne is
- 6. Precepts are

- a. if he likes *Star Wars*.
- b. totally deformed.
- c. rules about really important things.
- d. the English teacher.
- e. what Jack says.
- f. why he has a braid in his hair.

3. Circle the synonyms of the adjective *kind*.

helpful smart caring angry understanding
friendly nervous generous

