

Before-reading questions

1-4 *Reader's own answers.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Because she hears her parents arguing.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Mom thinks that Dad is old-fashioned because he does not want her to go back to school. He wants her to stay at home and look after the house.
- 3 No, because other children pull and touch her hair. Stevie does not like this.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 He takes them to an Italian restaurant.
- 2 He worked for the CIA.
- 3 No, she is not. Stevie likes being an only child, and she does not want to share her parents with anyone.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 She likes to watch *Roller Derby*.
- 2 They usually watch an old movie together.
- 3 Naomi likes Stevie's natural hair best.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Her real name is Katherine.
- 2 No, she does not. She does not want her parents to argue again.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Yes, because they call her the fluffy girl.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* She could be studying for the college classes she wants to take.
- 2 She finds a tape recorder.
- 3 She thinks this because Dad worked for the CIA/was a spy, so he knows about recording people's calls.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 She throws it on the ground.
- 2 She listens to Naomi and Jimmy's call, and Mom and Clarence's call.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 She is wearing her natural hair. She isn't wearing a wig.
- 2 Naomi dresses her for Halloween.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Stevie sees her old friend Jennifer outside the party. She feels sad because Jennifer does not want to be her friend any more.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Because her hair is too big.
- 2 Ally doesn't laugh at Stevie.
- 3 McMillan stopped Jimmy because he looks like someone that the police are looking for.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 He forgets to buy a turkey.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Naomi lies about having a boyfriend because she does not want Stevie's parents to know she is seeing someone who likes the Black Panther Party.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 She takes Stevie to a hotel.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Stevie feels scared/worried/nervous because her parents are getting a divorce.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 Because she thinks that the Black Panther Party are not good people and they just make trouble.
- 2 Stevie hated swim classes because she was not very good at it and she was scared. She did not want to swim in the pool with the younger children.

- 3 No, she has not. Naomi has gone to the Black Panthers event.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Stevie feels good and happy. She does not feel scared.
2 Stevie learns to swim.

After-reading questions

- 1 Stevie does not want Naomi to come and stay with her family at first. At the end of the story, she thinks of Naomi as a sister.
2-3 *Reader's own answers.*
4 Her parents are getting divorced; she is making new friends at school; she wears her natural hair; Naomi teaches her new things.
5 At the beginning of the story, Stevie does not like the idea of change. But at the end of the book, she is happy even though her life has changed a lot.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 Stevie decided to **hide** behind a corner so that her parents couldn't see her.
2 "Women only go to college to look for **husbands**."
3 Stevie's father is an **old-fashioned** man.
4 Mom tries to hide her **tears**, but Stevie can still see them.
5 The other kids in Stevie's class have straight hair, but Stevie has **curly** hair.
6 "It's so soft and **fluffy**, like a candy!"

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Stevie does not have a good first week at school. / Stevie has a bad first week at school.
2 Dad is white and Mom is Black.

- 3 Naomi is Stevie's older cousin. / Stevie is Naomi's younger cousin.

- 4 Stevie is an only child. / Stevie does not have any sisters.

- 5 Dad worked for the CIA.

- 6 Naomi thinks the protest march is a good thing. / Mom thinks the protest march is a bad thing.

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3 1 Why doesn't Dad like Stevie watching *Roller Derby*?
2 Where does Mom take Stevie?
3 What is the man's colorful shirt called?
4 What do the words on Naomi's orange button say?
5 What do Stevie and Mom (usually) do on Friday nights?
6 Will Naomi watch the movie with Stevie?
7 Why does Stevie go into her parents' bedroom?
8 Who does Mom think put some things behind the door?
9 Where does Naomi go to school?
10 What does Jimmy give Naomi?

CHAPTER FIVE

- 4 1 false. Stevie sees Mom at the library.
2 true
3 false. Stevie wants Mom to say sorry. / Naomi says sorry to Mom.
4 false. Stevie's clubhouse is under the apartment building stairs.
5 true
6 false. Stevie thinks that Dad is recording people's calls.

CHAPTER SIX

- 5
- 1 I want to go to the **mall**.
 - 2 Ally gives me a **delicious** fruit.
 - 3 I need to erase the **recording**.
 - 4 Mom throws the flyer into the **garbage**.
 - 5 Naomi and Jimmy are going on a **date**.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 6
- 1 Soon there are no other parents **waiting** outside.
 - 2 I haven't heard my parents **arguing** for a while.
 - 3 I've never **been** to a party like this before.
 - 4 Everyone **is dressed** in short, tight costumes.
 - 5 "You didn't **say** anything on the way home."
 - 6 Naomi **laughs** and says, "That's crazy, Stevie."

CHAPTER EIGHT

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| 1 c | 2 a | 3 g | 4 e |
| 5 b | 6 f | 7 d | |

CHAPTER NINE

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| 1 forgot | 2 saw |
| 3 shouted | 4 shot |
| 5 stopped | 6 married |
| 7 heard | 8 hit |

CHAPTERS TEN AND ELEVEN

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| a 1 | b 5 | c 7 | d 2 |
| e 8 | f 4 | g 6 | h 3 |

CHAPTER TWELVE

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| 1 Mom | 2 Naomi |
| 3 Stevie | 4 Ally |
| 5 Stevie or Dad | |

Project work

Reader's own answers.