

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
I don't think that they will have a good time because they don't look happy. Conrad looks uncomfortable, and Belly looks nervous.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Conrad kissed Belly. (Before that, he thought she was just a little kid.)
- 2 Math, because Belly isn't doing well at math in school.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Because he wants to see her. He wants to take her to the summer house in Cousins.
- 2 Conrad is nervous and Belly is brave.
Reader's own answer. Model answer: This is surprising because Conrad isn't usually nervous.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 Because he doesn't want her to go with another guy.
- 2 Belly breaks up with Conrad because she thinks that he wants to break up with her.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because Susannah's cancer has come back again, and Belly thinks that it's too hard to see her like that. It makes it feel real.
- 2 Because she doesn't know what to say and feels too frightened. She also doesn't want to believe that Susannah is dead.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because she said terrible things to Conrad on the day of his mother's funeral. She said, "Go to hell," "I hate you," and "I never want to see you again."

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Because Conrad has disappeared, and he will be kicked out of college if he doesn't go back. Jeremiah hopes that Belly has some ideas about where to find Conrad.
- 2 Jeremiah started hanging out with Belly when she had the flu. They played games, and it was fun. Then Belly stayed home with Jeremiah when he got the flu, and after that they hung out all the time.
- 3 Because he is in love with Belly, but he knows that Belly is in love with Conrad. He wants Belly to look at him like she looks at Conrad.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* She feels very happy, because it shows her that Conrad remembers teaching her math, and it was special for him, too.
- 2 Because Jeremiah believes that Conrad still cares what Belly thinks of him.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because he wants to be alone, he doesn't want to go back to college, and he's angry with Belly because of what she said to him at the funeral.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because he is angry at his father for leaving Susannah when she was sick.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Because he wants to stop his dad selling the summer house.
- 2 Because Conrad asked her not to. (He thinks that it will hurt Jeremiah.) *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* It wasn't the right thing to do, because Jeremiah is her best friend.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Because she is drunk, so it isn't safe.
(He's looking after her.)
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because he knows that Jeremiah likes Belly, too. Perhaps he's still angry with Belly about what she said to him at Susannah's funeral, or he thinks that Belly likes Jeremiah because she danced with him at the party.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Because Belly lied to her about where she was, then she called at four in the morning, drunk. She then didn't answer her phone when Laurel called back. Laurel drove through the night because she was so worried, and the house looks terrible.
- 2 Mr. Fisher won't sell the house if Conrad passes his exams. Conrad doesn't want to take this deal because he doesn't want to take anything from his father.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 He loved learning and cared about things like exams.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:*
Because he loves Belly, but he knows that she still has feelings for Conrad.

CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 *Reader's own answers.*

After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Belly isn't good at listening to Conrad. She doesn't listen to him about going to prom, and she doesn't listen to him when they are talking after prom. She thinks that he wants to break up with her, but he doesn't say this.

- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 c 2 f 3 a 4 e 5 d 6 b

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 b 2 c 3 a 4 d

CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3 1 break up, verb
2 prom, noun
3 breathe, verb
4 funeral, noun
5 basement, noun
6 hug, noun
7 desperate, adjective

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 false. Belly loves Conrad more than anything.
2 true
3 false. Belly doesn't phone Conrad when his mother dies because she is afraid of making everything worse.
4 false. Laurel is helping with the flowers when Belly arrives at the funeral.
5 true
6 true

CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 5 1 Conrad has not been at college for two days.
2 Jeremiah has already arrived at Belly's house.
3 Belly has not spoken to Conrad since the funeral.
4 Sophie has not found her sweater yet.
5 Jeremiah has just called his dad.
6 Conrad has still got enough time to study.

CHAPTERS SEVEN AND EIGHT

- 6 Conrad ¹ **runs away** from college after he ² **finds out** from his father's ³ **real estate agent**, Sandy Donatti, that he is going to sell the summer house. Conrad might be ⁴ **kicked out** of college, but he doesn't care because he wants to save the house.

When his father arrives at the summer house, Conrad ⁵ **stares** at him with cold eyes because he cannot ⁶ **forgive** him for leaving Susannah.

CHAPTER NINE

- 7 1 Who does Belly dance with at the party?
 2 Who wants to swim in the ocean? / Where does Belly want to swim?
 3 Who does Belly think is so boring and serious? / What does Belly think about Conrad?
 4 Who has followed Belly to the beach? / Where does Conrad follow Belly?
 5 Who does Belly say "sorry" to? / What does Belly say to Conrad?
 6 Who says "I like her. I really like her" about Belly? / What does Jeremiah say about Belly?

CHAPTER TEN

- 8 1 Adam can sell it **if** he wants to.
 2 You aren't the only person **who** loved Susannah.
 3 These guys weren't very happy about **what** I had to say.
 4 It was her favorite place and that is **why** the boys should have it.
 5 I will do everything **that** I can to keep this house for her boys.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 9 1 guy 2 note
 3 hurt 4 specialty

CHAPTER TWELVE

- | 10 Who spoke? | Who to? |
|---------------|----------|
| 1 Jeremiah | Belly |
| 2 Belly | Jeremiah |
| 3 Laurel | Belly |
| 4 Conrad | Belly |
| 5 Belly | Jeremiah |
| 6 Jeremiah | Conrad |

Project work

Reader's own answers.