

## Before-reading questions

1-3 *Reader's own answers.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 They have been dating for two years.
- 2 They are celebrating the end of the year in college.
- 3 They broke up just before spring break. They fought about Jeremiah going to Cabo instead of going back home with Belly.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 She thinks that keeping a secret from someone that you love is worse than cheating on them.
- 2 She stayed at the summer house in Cousins with Conrad at Christmas.
- 3 He gives her a silver ring with a diamond in the center.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 They are meeting in Cousins to remember Jeremiah and Conrad's mother, Susannah, who has died. A garden has been planted in Susannah's memory at the women's shelter where she used to help, and there is going to be a special opening of this garden.
- 2 They are shocked but they are pleased for her.
- 3 Because he doesn't like seeing Belly and Jeremiah together.

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because she thinks that Belly is too young to get married.
- 2 He wants both Conrad and Steven to be his best men.
- 3 Because her mom was not with her to help her choose it and Belly is afraid that she will not come to the wedding, either.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 They are a present for Laurel (Belly's mom). Jeremiah hopes to make her change her mind about the wedding.
- 2 She means that she will stay away from him. She says this because she thinks that he does not want her to be there.
- 3 He promised her that he would take care of Jeremiah.

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Because she thinks that he might also tell her that it is a mistake to get married.
- 2 Because she remembers the last time that she was in his car, when they were dating. It was just before they broke up.
- 3 It is Belly.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Mr. Fisher's secretary calls her to talk about food for the wedding. Mr. Fisher (Conrad's dad) has asked her to help.
- 2 He wants to tell her that Belly is unhappy without her mother's support. Conrad hopes to change Laurel's mind about supporting the wedding.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because he loves her, and he does not want her to be unhappy, although he does not want her to marry Jeremiah.

### CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 She is thinking about the moment that Conrad wiped her face.
- 2 Because her mom came to her wedding shower and they are now speaking. Belly feels that she has her mom's support now. *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* No, because Belly is still feeling confused about Conrad.

## CHAPTER NINE

- 1 She is confused about her feelings for Conrad and has been thinking about kissing him.
- 2 She tells her that Conrad spoke to her mom and persuaded her to go to the wedding shower. He has been trying to help her.
- 3 He has discovered that Jeremiah cheated on Belly.

## CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Because he thinks that she does not already know about it and that she deserves to know before she decides to marry Jeremiah.
- 2 Because she thinks that he is only saying it because he is jealous of Jeremiah. She thinks that Conrad stopped loving her when they broke up. She does not realize that he never stopped loving her.
- 3 He means that it was a mistake for both of them to tell her that he loved her. He wants her to forget what he said because he does not want to hurt her, or Jeremiah, or himself any more.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Perhaps not, because it was Conrad that she had always wanted to marry, not Jeremiah.
- 2 Jeremiah knows that she was in Cousins with Conrad at Christmas and that she has been hiding it from him for a reason.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 He gives her a necklace with an infinity sign that he bought for her sixteenth birthday, but he did not give it to her then.
- 2 When they were dating, they shared a special moment on Valentine's Day, looking at the stars and thinking about infinity.

- 3 It said that she had only seen Conrad in love once, with Belly. Jeremiah knows that Belly also loves Conrad, so he does not want to stand in their way.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answers:* She did not want to hurt Jeremiah; she wanted to be sure that Conrad loved her; she wanted to be sure that she loved Conrad; she wanted to finish college and have other adventures first.
- 2 She knew immediately that she really loved him and wanted to marry him.

## After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* He wanted to show her that he truly loved her and always wanted to be with her.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 He looked after Jeremiah by not telling anyone that he loved Belly. He also stayed away from Jeremiah and Belly so that he would not hurt his own feelings or theirs.  
*Reader's own answer.*
- 5 *Reader's own answer.*

## Exercises

## CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Jeremiah and his friends **celebrated** the end of the year with a party.
- 2 At the party, lots of girls came and **hugged** him.
- 3 Belly **blushed** when Jeremiah told her that she looked hot.
- 4 Belly was **disappointed** when Jeremiah went to Cabo for spring break.
- 5 She never **expected** Jeremiah to cheat on her.
- 6 Belly **wiped** the tears from her face.

## CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Belly's dad                      2 Anika  
 3 Lacie Barone                    4 Steven  
 5 Conrad                            6 Taylor

## CHAPTERS THREE AND FOUR

- 3 1 false. Belly has got engaged to Jeremiah.  
 2 true  
 3 false. Jeremiah gives a speech about his mom at the women's shelter.  
 4 true  
 5 false. Laurel is furious that Belly and Jeremiah are getting married.  
 6 false. Belly is really unhappy/disappointed that her mom doesn't support the wedding.

## CHAPTERS FIVE AND SIX

- 4 1 Mom told us that we hadn't thought about marriage seriously enough.  
 2 Jeremiah promised Mom that I would still finish college.  
 3 I told Mom that she was just furious because she couldn't control this.  
 4 Jeremiah told me that Conrad might be staying the whole summer.  
 5 Jeremiah told me to knock on his door when I got up.  
 6 I told Jeremiah that if Laurel and Dad were against it, perhaps he/they shouldn't do it.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

- 5 1 "Is that Isabel?" asked a woman, **who** said that she was Mr. Fisher's secretary.  
 2 I needed Taylor to tell me **what** to do.  
 3 **When** I finished the call, Conrad asked me **what** was going on.  
 4 I didn't realize **how** hard things were for Belly.  
 5 "They're going to get married despite **what** anyone else thinks."  
 6 "She never even called to let me know **where** she was."

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 6 1 peach                              2 invitation  
 3 weak                                4 support

## CHAPTERS NINE AND TEN

- 7 1 The next day it was like nothing **had happened**.  
 2 Tom **was still being** a jerk and **making/was making** a lot of noise.  
 3 On the way back we **spent** the night at a hotel because it **was raining** so hard.  
 4 I knew that if I **started** speaking, I **would never stop**.  
 5 If Conrad Fisher **told** a girl that he loved her, he **meant** it.  
 6 If I **chose** Conrad, I **would lose** Jeremiah.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 8 **Who spoke?**                      **Who to?**  
 1 Belly                                Jeremiah  
 2 Jeremiah                         Belly  
 3 Laurel                                Belly  
 4 Taylor                                Belly  
 5 Jeremiah                         Conrad  
 6 Conrad                                Jeremiah

## CHAPTERS ELEVEN, TWELVE, AND THIRTEEN

- 10 1 stare                                2 sun  
 3 stop                                 4 bend  
 5 trust                                 6 close

## Project work

*Reader's own answers.*