

Wonder

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Read the extract until p.5

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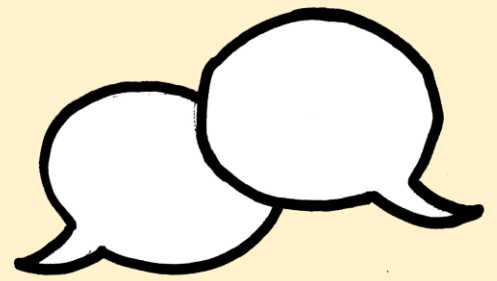
Quick Start

1. What is the name of the narrator?
2. What grade (school year) is he going into?
3. Name one of his friends.
4. What is unusual about his school?
5. How many surgeries has he had?

Vocabulary Check

- And Mom and Dad don't see me as ordinary, either. They see me as **extraordinary**. - very unusual or remarkable.
- Next week I start **fifth grade**. - School years in America are 'grades'.
Fifth grade = Year 6.
- She once tried to draw me a **Darth Vader** - a villain from Star Wars.
- I live in North River Heights, which is at the top tip of **Manhattan**. - the 'city' part of New York City.

Partnered Talk



What do you think August looks like?

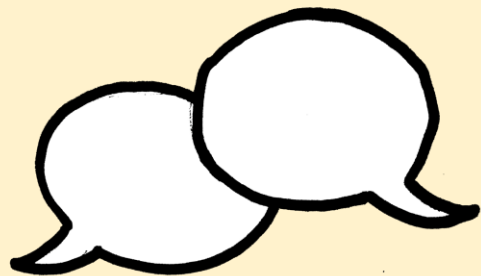
Why do you think that?

Individual Thinking



1. List two things that make August ordinary.
2. Find and write one thing that makes him abnormal (not ordinary).

Partnered Talk



Discuss how August feels about going to a 'real' school.

Why might he feel like this?

How might his family feel?

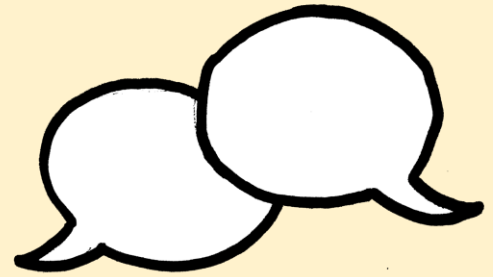
Individual Thinking



If this is the answer, what is the question?

1. They see him as extraordinary.
2. Two or three surgeries a year since he was four.
3. She is an illustrator.
4. He is petrified.

Partnered Talk

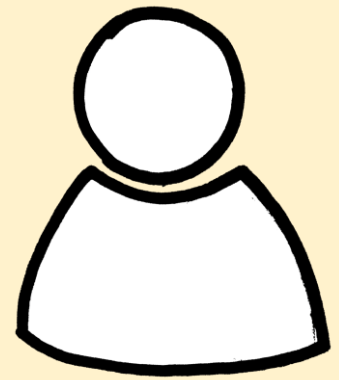


August describes his sister, Via.

What do you think she is like as a sister?

Why do you think she is like this?

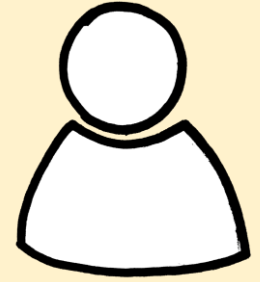
Solo Work



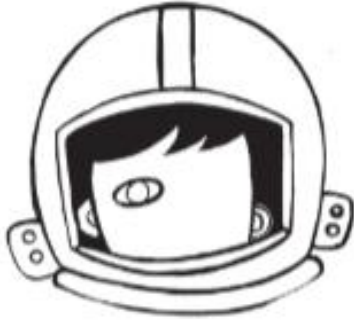
Summarise what kind of person August is in two or three words.

You must copy evidence from the extract.

Solo Work



PART ONE



August

Fate smiled and destiny
laughed as she came to my cradle . . .

—Natalie Merchant, "Wonder"

What does this
drawing of August tell
us about his
personality?