

... and session 15! (Student A)

Chapters 229-233

Tuesday 21 May 2013

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<i>marriage problems</i>	<i>the value of truth</i>	<i>the importance of Mathematics in life</i>
<i>the need for a stable life</i>	<i>acceptance</i>	.....

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- ?  for one second  **Don't you**  ever  about other people  think
- Don't**  any hassle  give me  right now
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- too,  my house  you've forgotten  in case  **This is**
- of the questions  how to answer  couldn't think  I  any
- want to  is an extra chapter  can read  if they  **The appendix**  which people
- or a bad thing  what's going to happen  if you don't know  is a good thing  **It's worse**  whether
- if I got  because  properly  all the questions  really tired  and couldn't think  **I don't know**  right  I was
- very proud of you  you did  and I'm sure  really well  **I'm**  in the exam
- anything  **I found**  I can do  that means  a book:  and I wrote  my mother

**C. Work in pairs. Take turns to ask each other the questions below. Student A starts.**

- Did you like the novel? Why/ why not?
- Can you remember a scene or a part of the story that you particularly liked? Why?
- Do you have anything in common with Christopher?
- What did you learn from the novel?

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- 1 Would you say that this novel is different from other novels you've read?
- 2 If you had to choose an event in the novel that particularly affected you, which would it be?
- 3 Is there something you would have done differently if you had been Christopher?
- 4 Why do you think Mark Haddon wrote this novel? What point did he want to make?

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