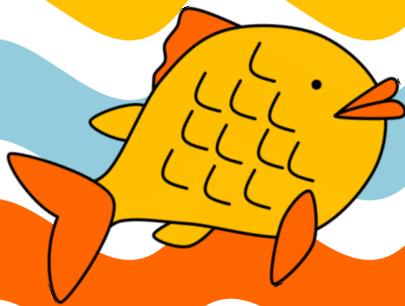


Out of My Mind

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***Comprehension
short answer
questions for each
chapter.**



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Chapters 1 & 2

1. What do the speaker's parents make an effort to do from the time the speaker is a baby?

2. What do we learn about the speaker at the end of chapter one?

3. Who is telling the story? Describe her.

4. Melody enjoys listening to music her parents play. What type of music is her favorite? Of what does it remind her?

5. What is the most important thing Melody remembers, and what is something she is not able to tell her parents?

Chapter 3:

1. What are some things that Melody does not have trouble doing?

2. Explain why Melody gets frustrated with the "play-pretty"?

3. Describe the difference in the way Melody's parents talk to her.

4. Why do you think Melody's dad says that if he could, he would trade places with Melody?

5. What does Melody mean when she says she has a photographic memory?

6. Describe one of Melody's "tornado explosions."

7. Why did Melody have a "tornado explosion" at the grocery store?

Chapter 4:

1. How does Melody do on her test according to Dr. Hugely?

2. How does Melody's mom react to Dr. Hugely's diagnosis? Does she feel that it is an accurate diagnosis? Why or why not?

3. What options does Dr. Hugely give Melody's mom in regards to what she could do with Melody?

4. Describe the reaction Melody's mom has to Dr. Hugely's recommendation. What does she say she is going to do with Melody?

Chapter 5 & 6:

1. How does Melody describe the kids at her school? How do they compare to her?

2. Describe the program that Melody is a part of.

3. Give a brief description of each of the students in Melody's class.

4. How is Melody able to communicate with others?

5. Describe Melody and Mrs. V's relationship.

6. What are some things that Mrs. V tries to teach Melody?

7. What was Melody able to tell Mrs. V that she needed?

8. What does Mrs. V do for Melody?

Chapter 7 & 8

1. What does Melody dream about?

2. Why does Melody get so upset in Mrs. Billup's classroom?

3. Explain why Melody's mom is so upset with Mrs. Billups. What does she try to explain to Mrs. Billups?

4. What did Melody do to try and save Ollie?

5. What did Melody's mom think happened to Ollie?

6. What did Melody receive on her 8th birthday?

7. Describe the relationship Melody and Butterscotch have with each other.

8. What does Melody say she would ask the wizard? Why do you think she chooses that as her wish?

Chapter 9 & 10

1. How does Melody's life change when she is eight years old?

2. What is Melody worried about with the new baby coming?

3. Explain the conversation between Melody's parents about the baby.

4. How do you think Melody feels, watching Penny learn to walk?

5. Why do you think Melody's parents seem frustrated throughout chapter nine?

6. Even though Melody can't talk, how is she able to let her mom know what she needs?

7. Melody likes to read cartoons, what does she see in the cartoon that she wishes could be done for her?

8. At the end of Chapter 10, what was Melody trying to tell her dad?

Chapter 11:

1. What did Melody get at the beginning of her fifth grade year that made things easier for her?

2. Melody's school started inclusion classes. What does that mean for Melody?

3. How did Melody feel about her fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Shannon?

4. How did the first inclusion music class go?

5. Describe Molly and Claire.

6. Do you think Melody enjoys having Rose as a buddy in music class? Why or why not?



Chapter 12 & 13

1. What exciting news does Melody learn about at parent-teacher conferences?

2. What is Melody's favorite class at school?

3. What does Melody want to invite Rose to?

4. What happens at the aquarium with Melody and Claire?

5. How does Mrs. V deal with the situation?

6. How do you think Melody feels about the trip to the aquarium?

Chapter 14 & 15

1. What idea does Melody get after seeing Rose's new computer?

2. Why do you think Melody chooses to do her biography report on Stephen Hawking?

3. Why does Melody want a Medi-Talker?

4. How does Melody react when the Medi-Talker is delivered?

5. What is Melody finally able to say to her parents now that she has the Medi-Talker?

Chapter 16 & 17

1. Explain why Melody says that for the first time in her life, she feels like part of a group.

2. If you were Melody, what would you have said to Claire when she said, "it never occurred to me that Melody had thoughts in her head"?

3. If you were Melody, what are some of the first things you would say to your teachers and classmates?

4. What does Melody still feel she is missing out on at school?

5. The Whiz Kid competition is similar to what activity at our school?

6. Why do Molly and Claire say it's not fair that Melody won the practice competition?

7. Predict! Do you think Melody will decide to try out for the Whiz Kid team? Why or why not?

Chapter 18 -21

1. Why is Melody in such a bad mood?

2. What is Mrs. V's plan?

3. What does the root word -ology mean?

4. Predict! Do you think Melody will make the team?

5. How do Molly and Claire react when Melody shows up for Whiz Kid tryouts?

6. What is your reaction to how Mr. D treats Melody?

7. Why is the Whiz Kid team such a big deal to all of the students?

8. Who are the four students that made the team?

Chapter 22 & 23

1. If you were a part of the Whiz Kid team, would you stick up for Melody when Claire makes rude comments about Melody, or would you just ignore her?

2. What is the Whiz Kid team doing to prepare for the competition?

3. What does the stage manager do that makes Melody immediately like him?

4. Put yourself in Melody's shoes, what feelings and emotions would be going through your head as you prepare to begin the competition?



Chapter 24:

1. How did round one go for Melody and her team?

2. Do you think Mr. Dimming's opinion towards Melody has changed after winning round one? Explain.

3. What does Mrs. V say is the team's secret weapon? Why do you think she says that?

4. What will happen if the team wins round two?

5. How do you think the team will do in round two?

Chapter 25 & 26

1. What happened in round two?

2. When the team is interviewed, how does Claire respond about Melody?

3. What do you think Melody thought when Claire talked to the reporter about her and Claire's relationship?

4. Do you think feelings and opinions of the other teams members have changed about Melody? How do they treat her?

5. At the restaurant it seems like everyone is having a good time. Why do you think Melody says she wants to go home?

Chapter 27 & 28

1. How does Melody think her teammates will react to Melody being highlighted in the newspaper?

2. How do Melody's parents react to Melody being in the newspaper?

3. Why does Melody think her teammates don't want her on their team?

4. Who ended up being an alternate for the National Championship? How did she react to this news?

5. What happens when Melody and her family arrive at the airport?

6. What did Melody's mom find out happened with the rest of the team?

7. If you were Melody, how would you feel about what happened? How would you cope with the situation?

Chapter 29 & 30

1. Describe Melody's feelings and emotions when she gets home from the airport.

2. What do you think Mr. Dimmings said to Melody's mom on the phone?

3. How did Melody's team end up doing in the tournament? How do you think this made Melody feel?

4. Why does Melody want to go to school so badly?

5. Describe Melody's extreme reaction as she tries to tell her mother that Penny is behind the car. How did this scene make you feel?

Chapter 31-33

1. Why does Melody think Penny's accident is her fault?

2. How does it make you feel when Melody says it should have been her instead of Penny?

3. What news does Melody find out at the end of the chapter?

4. What does Melody learn actually happened the day the team left for Washington, D.C.? How does she handle the news?