

**6th Grade Language Arts
Summer Reading-Ms. Jenn's Class**

Fish in a Tree

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Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.--*Amazon.com*

After reading *Fish in a Tree* please complete the entire packet. It consists of multiple choice questions and short answer. It will be collected Tuesday, September 5, 2023 (Tuesday after Labor Day). No late work will be accepted!!

Have a great summer! See you in the fall.

-Ms. Jenn

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #1 (Chapters 1-3)

1. In chapter one, Ally struggles to finish a writing assignment where she has to describe herself. She thinks, "I'd rather write about something more positive. Like throwing up at your own birthday party." What does this show about Ally?

- a. She hates all of her classmates.
- b. She does not like herself.
- c. She does not like celebrating her birthday.
- d. She thinks her teacher is too mean.

2. Which of Ally's classmates shows bravery in chapter two?

- a. Shay
- b. Keisha
- c. Jessica
- d. Max

3. How does Ally feel when Mrs. Hall *first* opens her card?

- a. Ally is nervous because she is not sure if Mrs. Hall likes yellow flowers.
- b. Ally is embarrassed because she has no idea what the card said on the inside.
- c. Ally wishes she did not give her teacher a sympathy card because she knows she is going to get in trouble.
- d. Ally is proud that she has given her teacher something nice.

4. Ally didn't know the card she gave Mrs. Hall was a sympathy card. Why didn't Ally say this to Mrs. Silver in chapter three?

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #2 (Chapters 4-6)

1. Write a sentence from chapter four that shows what happens when Ally looks at words.

2. In chapter four, it is clear that Ally's mom _____.

- a. does not know that Shay and Jessica tease Ally every day in school
- b. is angry at Mrs. Silver for lecturing Ally
- c. is forcing Ally to sit with Shay and Jessica as a way to punish Ally for giving Mrs. Hall a sympathy card
- d. has a plan to get revenge on Shay and Jessica for teasing Ally so often during school

3. Which statement most accurately describes Travis?

- a. He is embarrassed that Ally is unable to read and tries to avoid her.
- b. He thinks Ally could read better if she worked harder in school. He constantly talks to her about the benefits of working hard in school.
- c. He does not like school, but he is very smart. He is very good at building things and fixing things. He can't wait to graduate high school so he can start his own business.
- d. He spends lots of time fixing old things because Ally doesn't talk to him while he's doing this. This gives Travis the excuse he needs to avoid his sister.

4. While Travis is at the pawn shop, he tells the worker, "Well that's really generous of you. Seventy-five bucks for a coin that's been dipped in nitric acid." Why did Travis say this?

- a. Travis wanted to let him know that he appreciated his kind offer.
- b. Travis knew the man was trying to rip him off. Travis wanted the man to realize that he knew this so he would stop making terrible offers.
- c. Travis wanted the man to stop showing him coins that were too small because Travis was interested in coins that were too large.
- d. Travis wanted Ally to be jealous of how much money he had.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #3 (Chapters 7-9)

1. At the beginning of chapter seven, Ally is holding her copy of *Alice in Wonderland* that her grandfather gave her. She thinks, "It's like having a gift that's locked in a glass box." What does Ally mean by this?

2. At the beginning of chapter eight, Ally says, "...all the words block my path to getting there." What does she mean by this statement?

- a. Ally has always hated math. But now that math involves more story problems, she hopes practicing math can help her become a better reader.
- b. Ally used to like math because it was just adding and subtracting numbers. But as she's gotten older, math now involves long story problems. Since she can't read the story problems, she is unable to use her math skills to get the answer.
- c. Ally thinks math is pointless. She has always hated math more than reading.
- d. Ally is describing the way Mr. Daniels uses the "bus driver" activity to help the class better understand the math lesson.

3. Which seems to bother Mr. Daniels the most during chapter nine?

- a. Shay saying rude things
- b. Oliver's stories
- c. Ally being hesitant to tell the class what she brought in
- d. Albert saying that the possibilities for Keisha's cupcakes are not endless

4. When Ally shows the class her steel penny, she says, "My dad is in the army and he's deployed right now." What does the word deployed mean here?

- a. to not have a job
- b. to be home with one's family
- c. to be sent away to another place
- d. to be collecting rare coins

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #4 (Chapters 10-12)

1. After Mr. Daniels hands out the writing journals, he tells the students they can write about whatever they want. He also says their writing will not be graded or corrected. When the students begin writing, the text states, "The room is filled with the sounds of pencils scratching." What does this statement show?

- How much Ally hates to write.
- Why Ally decides to draw a picture of a three-dimensional cube with dark black sides.
- How Mr. Daniels is planning to persuade Ally to enjoy writing.
- How quietly everyone is writing in their journal, indicating they are interested in what they are writing.

2. Which best summarizes how Ally feels when Shay asks her to sit with them during lunch?

- She is thrilled that she will finally get to sit with the popular people.
- She wants to use this as an opportunity to persuade Jessica that she should not be friends with Shay.
- She does not really want to sit with them, but figures it's better than sitting alone.
- She is eager to sit next to Albert because she has a crush on him.

3. Summarize how Ally's mom reacts when Ally says she was mean to a classmate. Why does Ally's mom react this way?

4. What is the first thing Ally does when Keisha notices her drawing in chapter 12?

- Ally touches Keisha's hair. Ally wants to show Keisha that she is interested in her hair, just as Keisha is interested in Ally's art.
- Ally moves her arm to cover her drawing.
- Ally says thank you.
- Ally feels incredible that someone has finally taken an interest in her art.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #5 (Chapters 13-15)

1. After reading what Mrs. Muldoon says to Shay during music class in chapter 13, it is clear that _____.
- a. Shay often gets in trouble during music class
 - b. Mrs. Muldoon does not hear the mean things that Shay says to her classmates
 - c. Shay is the best singer in her class
 - d. Mrs. Muldoon is the nicest teacher in the school

2. Summarize why Ally enjoys the activity her class does during chapter 14.

3. In chapter 15, Ally starts on her writing for homework. She thinks, "I don't know why the things in my brain get lost on the way down my arm." What is the purpose of this statement?

- a. It shows what Ally is feeling when she writes and why she has difficulty writing.
 - b. It shows why Ally's brother never helps her with her homework.
 - c. It shows that Ally is nervous about whether Keisha will still be her friend if she learns that Ally can't read or write.
 - d. It shows that Ally has an arm injury and has a difficult time moving her arm.
4. What is clear about Travis during his conversation with Ally in chapter 15?
- a. He knows a lot about old coins.
 - b. He is good at fixing things.
 - c. He does not like his sister.
 - d. He is not very good at reading and writing.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #6 (Chapters 16-18)

1. In chapter 16, Ally fakes an arm injury to get out of writing. Ally tells Mr. Daniels she hurt her arm by falling over her cat. Mr. Daniels asks Ally several questions about her cat. Later, Ally notices that Mr. Daniels keeps looking at her while she is reading as the rest of her classmates write. Predict why you think Mr. Daniels keeps looking at Ally while she is reading. Use text evidence from anywhere in the book to support your prediction.

2. What makes Albert the most upset during his lunch with Ally and Keisha in chapter 17?
- Several other kids make fun of him for eating with Ally.
 - Ally discovers that Albert's family doesn't have much money and he gets his lunch for free every day.
 - Keisha says the special effects in *Star Trek* are like "a first-grade puppet show."
 - Keisha wonders how Albert can say "cowboy duties" with a straight face.
3. How does their conversation about the misfit toys in chapter 17 relate to Ally's life?
- As they discuss the misfit toys, Ally begins to realize that she shouldn't let Shay make fun of her so much. So she decides to walk over to Shay at lunch and yell at her.
 - It makes Ally realize that her brother is really smart, even though he has problems reading. Ally realizes that Travis should not be defined as dumb just because he has problems reading and writing.
 - As they discuss the things that are wrong with the misfit toys, Ally realizes that she has more things wrong with her than she first thought. This makes her determined to work harder at reading and writing so she can improve.
 - Albert argues that a toy with a wrong name doesn't change what the toy really is. But since Ally has been called a slow reader all her life, she now believes it, even though there are many other things she can do well. "Slow reader" shouldn't define who she is.
4. What does Ally most want to hear from Mr. Daniels in chapter 18?
- "You can do better."
 - "Please put your finished assignment in the cubby like everyone else."
 - "This is the best writing I've ever seen!"
 - "You don't need to do any more writing assignments for the rest of the year."

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #7 (Chapters 19-21)

1. Ally tells Albert and Keisha about eating lunch with Shay on the second day of school. Ally tells them how she mistakenly blamed Shay for eating her crackers, then stuck her finger in Shay's cake. Summarize the difference between how Ally feels about this story and how Keisha feels about this story. Include text evidence to support your answer.

2. In chapter 19, Ally says that Shay holds grudges. What does the word grudges mean?

- a. a large piece of cake
- b. to always remember something bad that another person did to you and be angry at that person for a long time
- c. to always remember who someone's true friends are so you know who you can trust
- d. to have lots of people sitting with you at lunch because you are popular

3. Which is clear about the new car Travis got in chapter 20?

- a. Travis is embarrassed about being seen in such an ugly car.
- b. Even though the car is old and ugly, Travis is proud to own it. He is excited to fix it up and has lots of ideas about how he can make it better.
- c. He wants to take Ally and move to a city that is far away from their parents.
- d. He wants Ally's friends to see her in this car. He thinks this will help her learn to be more confident in who she is.

4. What does Ally think immediately after she closes her hand around the butterfly in chapter 21?

- a. She realizes she could be hurting the butterfly and feels bad about it, so she lets it go.
- b. She wants to keep the butterfly in her hand for however long it takes to finish making her wish.
- c. She hopes she can keep the butterfly hidden for the rest of the party so she can take it home.
- d. Ally doesn't care that she hurt the butterfly. She only lets it go because she realizes she is going to get in trouble.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #8 (Chapters 22-24)

1. What happens during Albert's conversation with Shay in chapter 22?
 - a. Albert gives Shay an idea about how she can pour slime all over Ally.
 - b. Albert persuades Shay that she should stop making fun of Ally so much.
 - c. Shay starts by making fun of Albert, then feels bad about saying mean things and apologizes to him.
 - d. Shay goes from bragging about her new sweater to feeling a bit grossed out by it.

2. Which best describes the difference between Mr. Daniels' feelings and Ally's feelings after Ally explains the difference between the words "alone" and "lonely" in chapter 23?
 - a. Mr. Daniels is excited that Ally gave such an incredible answer. Ally hates she is getting so much attention because she thinks all she did was answer a question.
 - b. Mr. Daniels asks Ally to leave class because her answer made him very sad. Ally is sad that she has to leave class because she wants to continue talking about those words.
 - c. Mr. Daniels thinks Ally gave an excellent answer. Ally feels so good about herself that she wants to continue answering questions in front of the class.
 - d. Mr. Daniels is very upset at Ally for giving that answer and makes her leave class. Ally is thankful that Mr. Daniels made her leave because she felt embarrassed about her answer.

3. In chapter 24, Ally tells Shay she can't believe she charges for friendship bracelets. Shay then says to Ally, "Eavesdrop much?" What does the word eavesdrop mean here?
 - a. to have lots of friends
 - b. to be extremely angry at many people
 - c. to listen to a conversation that you're not a part of
 - d. to make really pretty bracelets

4. At the end of chapter 24, Ally thinks to herself, "I've been lucky all along but didn't see it." What do you think she means by this? Use text evidence to support your answer.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #9 (Chapters 25-27)

1. When Mr. Daniels announces that he is going to give out a Fantastico Poetry Award in chapter 25, what is the *first* thing Ally thinks?
- Mr. Daniels is going to give her the award to try to make her feel better. So she hopes he doesn't give her the award.
 - Shay is going to win and will brag about it for a long time.
 - She thinks Suki has a good chance of winning the award.
 - She feels happy because since Mr. Daniels has been acting goofier than normal, Ally knows she is going to win the award.

2. When Mr. Daniels gave Ally the award, she was happy at first. But then she got really upset. Summarize why she got upset and include text evidence that shows what made her feel embarrassed while Mr. Daniels was praising her poem.

3. When Keisha is talking to Ally in the bathroom in chapter 26, why does Ally talk about a bike with wheels that always fall off?

- Ally wants Keisha to understand why she has never ridden a bike before.
- Ally wants Keisha to understand why she is scared of so many things in life.
- Ally wants Keisha to understand why it's so frustrating to not be able to read and write very well.
- Ally wants Keisha to leave her alone and never talk to her again.

4. The reader can tell that Keisha is a talented baker. What is clear about her baking after reading chapter 27?

- If Keisha had a bigger kitchen, she could be an even better baker.
- Ally and Albert are talented bakers as well.
- Keisha is always successful the first time she bakes something new.
- Becoming a good baker involves a lot of trial and error.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #10 (Chapters 28-30)

1. Which most accurately describes the difference in Ally's emotions at the beginning of her conversation with Mr. Daniels in chapter 28 compared to the end of her discussion with Mr. Daniels?

- a. Ally was humored when Mr. Daniels started talking to her, but was afraid at the end of their discussion.
- b. Ally was skeptical when Mr. Daniels started talking to her, but was overcome with joy at the end of the conversation.
- c. Ally was scared when Mr. Daniels started talking to her, then she became very sad at the end of the conversation.
- d. Ally was angry when Mr. Daniels started talking to her, then she was humored at the end of the conversation.

2. At the beginning of chapter 29, Ally thinks, "I wish Albert would care about himself as much as the scientific world." What causes her to think this?

- a. Albert is going to do research on the acorns, but doesn't do anything when Shay insults him.
- b. Albert spends so much time doing science experiments that he doesn't change clothes.
- c. Albert is so interested in the acorns that Ally knows he will forget to eat lunch.
- d. Albert is so worried about his science grade that he doesn't do anything when Shay makes fun of him.

3. Which does NOT describe something that Mr. Daniels does to help Ally feel better after she runs out of the field trip in chapter 29?

- a. He gives Ally many examples of smart things she has done during class.
- b. He tells Ally why she is very brave.
- c. He gives Shay a very harsh punishment.
- d. He tells Ally that he wants to give her tests that will help him figure out how to help her read.

4. Summarize why Ally likes chess and why she feels comfortable learning how to play chess from Mr. Daniels.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #11 (Chapters 31-33)

1. Summarize how Mr. Daniels is going to help Ally learn how to read and why he is using all of these different techniques that Ally has never done before.

2. Right before Ally agrees to stay after school with Mr. Daniels in chapter 31, she thinks, "Stay after school? I'd *sleep* at school if it would help." What does this statement show?

- a. It shows how much Ally wants to be away from her mom and brother.
- b. It shows how much Ally hates her classmates because this will allow her to be at school alone.
- c. It shows how determined she is to improve her reading and writing.
- d. It shows how much fun she has beating Mr. Daniels at chess.

3. Which answer best compares Travis' new boss to his old one?

- a. The new boss is going to help Travis start his business, while his old boss was only concerned about having Travis work for him.
- b. The new boss makes Travis follow the directions from a book when he fixes things, while his old boss let Travis fix things on his own.
- c. The new boss makes Travis go to the junkyard every day to find things to fix, while his old boss let Travis fix whatever they had.
- d. The new boss makes Travis realize that he doesn't really enjoy fixing things, while his old boss was only concerned about making money.

4. What surprises Ally the most in chapter 33?

- a. Mr. Daniels is actually a very caring teacher.
- b. Ally misses having Shay there to insult her because it motivates her to do better.
- c. The work is challenging, but she enjoys doing the extra work.
- d. Her reading has already improved so much that she can read an entire book.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #12 (Chapters 34-36)

1. When Keisha and Ally are at Albert's house, Keisha teases Albert for not offering his guests any food. But the girls feel terrible when Albert tells them why he doesn't offer them food. Why does Albert act like it's strange for them to apologize?
 - a. He says it is not his job to buy food for their house. Since he is not responsible for this, he has no reason to feel badly about it.
 - b. Albert told them earlier that when they came to his house, he would not be able to offer them any food.
 - c. Albert is so busy researching the acorns from the field trip that he did not hear Keisha say, "What kind of host doesn't allow his guests to have food?"
 - d. Albert knows his mom will punish him if he gets angry at his friends.

2. Summarize the conversation that happens after Ally says Albert's poster of a star is beautiful in chapter 34.

3. Which of these causes Ally to feel the saddest during chapter 35?
 - a. The substitute teacher asks the students to do a writing assignment.
 - b. Ally is sent to Mrs. Silver's office for the first time in a long time.
 - c. Ally's classmates make fun of her.
 - d. Mr. Daniels left a note for the substitute teacher saying that Ally could draw a picture instead of writing for the assignment.
4. What does Ally think about during their game of chess in chapter 36?
 - a. She wonders how many brothers and sisters Mr. Daniels has.
 - b. She thinks of the chess pieces like people she knows and how the strategy of chess applies to her life.
 - c. She thinks that Mr. Daniels is letting her win, so she gets angry at him again.
 - d. She thinks about how the game of chess can help Travis feel better about working for his new boss.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #13 (Chapters 37-39)

1. While reading about Shay insulting Ally in the hallway during chapter 37, it is becoming clear that _____.

- a. Ally is going to start a fight with Shay very soon
- b. Ally wants to run for class president so she can beat Shay
- c. Shay is starting to feel bad about insulting Ally so often
- d. Jessica thinks Shay should not make fun of Ally so often, but is hesitant to say this

2. Mr. Daniels was eager to see who would figure out his riddle in chapter 37. What else was he eager to see during this project?

- a. He wanted to see who would keep working hard to figure out the answer and who would give up and start talking to classmates about other things.
- b. He wanted to see if Shay would make fun of Ally while they tried to figure out the answer.
- c. He wanted to teach Ally how solving riddles is similar to playing chess.
- d. He wanted all of his students to start talking to each other and having fun because it was Friday.

3. Describe the conflicting emotions that Ally feels in chapter 38 about running for president.

4. Which statement best compares Ally's speech with Shay's speech?

- a. Shay gives a speech that sounds really good, but is full of empty promises. Ally does not speak well and needs help from Mr. Daniels to start. But she speaks from her heart about things she can actually do as president.
- b. Shay gives a speech that is extremely rude and hurtful to Ally. Ally then decides to give a speech that praises Mr. Daniels to illustrate how much nicer she is than Shay.
- c. Shay's speech is much shorter than Ally's.
- d. Shay makes lots of promises that will be difficult for her to do. Ally talks about how lazy and mean Shay is.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #14 (Chapters 40-42)

1. What happens in chapter 40 that surprises Ally?
- a. Keisha disagrees with something Ally says.
 - b. Ally's mom is working at A. C. Petersen's.
 - c. Shay's mom picks her up from school.
 - d. Shay is crying and sounds like a child as she tells her mom she lost the election.

2. Predict what the letter to Ally said. What do you think would have happened if Ally met Max at lunch in chapter 41? Use text evidence to support your prediction.

3. At the beginning of chapter 41, Ally finds a note on her desk. But she can't read it. Why doesn't she just ask Keisha to read it to her?

- a. Ally sees that Keisha has started on her morning assignments and does not want to bother her.
- b. Ally is afraid that she will get in trouble for passing notes during class.
- c. Ally thinks the note is a love letter from Max. Ally does not want Keisha reading it and telling others about it during school.
- d. Ally suspects it was really written by Shay, so she throws it in the trash.

4. In chapter 42, Oliver yells at Shay for stepping on an ant during class. Shay laughs at Oliver for getting so upset about an ant. Which best summarizes the way Mr. Daniels reacts to this?

- a. Mr. Daniels punishes Shay and says that Oliver has every right to be upset. Mr. Daniels gives Oliver a reward for being so kind.
- b. Mr. Daniels agrees with Shay and tells Oliver that he is foolish to get so upset over one little ant getting stepped on.
- c. Mr. Daniels tells Shay not to laugh at Oliver. He tells Shay that different people care about different things and she needs to learn to accept people. He tells Oliver that it's common for people to step on ants so he shouldn't have yelled at Shay.
- d. Mr. Daniels immediately sends both students to the office for disrupting the class.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #15 (Chapters 43-45)

1. There are several reasons why Ally wears a shirt that says "steel" and Keisha wears a shirt that says "magnesium." Which is NOT one of the reasons?
 - a. They want to show Albert that they support him.
 - b. They want Albert to show them how to start a fire.
 - c. They hope Shay and others will stop teasing Albert about his shirts.
 - d. They believe they are all talented enough to do great things in the world when they grow up.

2. What is something unexpected that happens to Shay in chapter 44?
 - a. Shay tells Max something that's incorrect about Ally's project. But Max ends up thinking Ally's soldier drawing is cool, so Shay's attempt to insult Ally backfires.
 - b. Shay thinks her project is the best, but when she sees Ally's project, Shay realizes that Ally's is way better. So she goes from being confident to being jealous of Ally.
 - c. Shay makes fun of Oliver for damaging Ally's project. But Oliver then charges over to Shay's project and breaks it because she teased him.
 - d. Shay thinks Mr. Daniels will give Ally an "F" on her project because Oliver broke the light. But Mr. Daniels gives Ally a better grade than Shay.

3. Which best summarizes what Ally talks to Travis about in chapter 45?
 - a. Ally describes why Mr. Daniels is a great teacher and how all of her other teachers in the past were horrible.
 - b. Ally tells Travis how wonderful it feels to finally be able to read perfectly now.
 - c. Ally describes the activities that Mr. Daniels does with her to help her learn to read.
 - d. Ally tells Travis that all of these things Mr. Daniels is doing to help her read probably will not work.

4. Use the details in chapter 45 to draw conclusions about the way Travis is currently feeling about reading and about his restoration business.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #16 (Chapters 46-48)

1. Why did Albert nickname Ally "the Flying Tiger?" How does Ally feel about it?

2. After Albert says why he nicknames himself "the elephant," what does Ally realize about Albert?

- a. He is very sad that he gets made fun of often, he just hides it well.
- b. He wants to work as a zookeeper when he gets older.
- c. Albert is not as smart as she thought.
- d. Albert spends every evening doing research on elephants.

3. Which of these would Mr. Daniels most appreciate from his students?

- a. A student earning all A's on his/her report card.
- b. A student who is really good at sports.
- c. A student who works quietly all the time.
- d. A student who tries really hard to learn something new.

4. When chapter 48 ends, the text states, "There's something on (Shay's) desk too. A pile of old friendship bracelets." Based on the details in that chapter, what does this most likely mean?

- a. Shay has promised to make new bracelets for all of her friends.
- b. Shay is going to give all of these bracelets to Ally.
- c. Lots of girls have decided they no longer want to be friends with Shay because she is so rude.
- d. Mr. Daniels has made a rule that no one can wear friendship bracelets in class.

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Fish in a Tree Quiz #17 (Chapters 49-51)

1. Which best describes Ally's attitude toward Shay in chapter 49?
- a. Ally is going to brag about how she has more friends than Shay now.
 - b. Ally is determined to respond to Shay's insults with kindness.
 - c. Ally is going to think of a way to humiliate Shay during lunch.
 - d. Ally is going to see if Shay will help tutor her after school.
2. Why does Albert finally stand up to the bullies in chapter 50? Include text evidence to support your answer.

3. When Ally is at A. C. Petersen's with her friends in chapter 50, what does Albert do that really surprises her?
- a. Albert said his dad tells him to avoid violence at all costs.
 - b. Albert doesn't say much about fighting the bullies.
 - c. Albert tells Ally that he wishes he had dyslexia.
 - d. Albert tells a story about how teddy bears got their name.
4. Which is the most likely reason why the author describes Ally trying to read the poster in Mrs. Silver's office in chapter 51?
- a. It shows that Ally's reading has gotten worse since the beginning of the book. It helps the reader understand that Mr. Daniels' lessons have not helped Ally.
 - b. It causes the reader to remember the last time Ally looked at that poster and made no attempt to read the words. It helps the reader realize how much Ally has changed.
 - c. It causes the reader to realize that Ally is in the principal's office because she is in trouble. The last time Ally looked at that poster she was in trouble for giving Mrs. Hall a sympathy card.
 - d. It shows how frustrated Ally is that Mrs. Silver is making her wait. Ally appreciates all that Mr. Daniels has done for her, but she has always hated Mrs. Silver.

