

Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. After learning about Christopher's behavioral problems in the first couple of sections, which do you think would create the most difficulty for him? Why?
2. To what does Chris compare his memory? What do you think of his comparison? Does it make sense?
3. Describe what happens when Mr. Boone discovers that Christopher has talked with Mrs. Alexander.
4. Explain Christopher's opinion of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
5. What happened to the book Christopher was writing? What else did he discover when looking for it?
6. In reflection, what does the narrator recall about his mother?
7. Why do you think Mr. Boone told his son his mother was dead?
8. Explain Christopher's color preferences. Why does he say it is good to have reasons for choosing favorites?

Reader Response Questions:

#1: The novel could have been boring because we only see things from Christopher's point of view, and he doesn't have a very good understanding of the people around him. One of the things Mark Haddon does to get round this is to use a lot of reported speech. This means that the reader can make up their own mind about a character based on what they say. Look at what Siobhan says in chapter 109 and talk about what impression you get of her personality and what she thinks about Christopher.

#2: Talk about what 'love' means to Christopher. Do you agree with his description?