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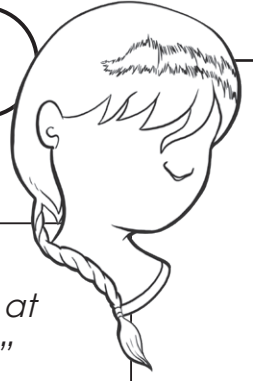
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2. Reread the following sentences from the chapter.

"What did Julian give as his reason?"

"You know," said Mom, "his mom was the only person who didn't RSVP at all." She looked at me. "I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

What does Mom mean when she says, "I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree"?

- a. Julian and his mom are similar because they have both done unkind things.
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1. How did the nurses and the doctor react when August was born?

Everyone got very quiet and the nurse rushed August out of the room. The doctor fainted.

2. Explain how Mom reacts when she first sees August.
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Mom said that the first time she saw August all she could see was how pretty his eyes were. This shows that Mom loved August no matter what he looked like.

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They make fun of the principal's name to make August laugh.

Paging Mr. Tushman (Chapter 6)

1. How would you describe Mr. Tushman?

He is tall and thin. He seems very nice. He treats August like any other student.

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What does this quote tell you about Mr. Tushman?

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August's mom seemed more nervous than August.

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Via tells August to remember that this is everyone's first day of school and they are just as nervous as he is.

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Henry put his backpack up on his desk like a wall between him and August.

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Mrs. Petosa told the class that she left her job on Wall Street to pursue her dream of teaching kids.

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He shares that he has a sister named Via and a dog named Daisy.

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2. How do Mom and Dad support August in this chapter?

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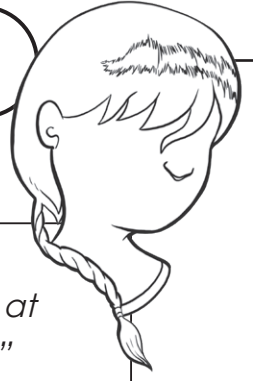
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August is talking about an example in a book where there is a piece of

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