Rachel squinted at the board. Was that a five or an eight? Her friends copied the math problems into their notebooks, but Rachel couldn’t see the board from the back of the room. “I wasn’t trying to cheat.” Rachel lowered her head and whispered, “I just can’t see the board.”

“Oh, that is a problem. It sounds like you’re nearsighted. Do you have glasses you should be wearing?”

Rachel felt a lump in her throat. Her parents had taken her for glasses two weeks ago, but she didn’t want to wear them in class where everyone would see.

Mrs. Grimes sighed. “I think I see the problem. You don’t want your friends to know you need glasses. Is that right?”

Rachel nodded.

“Well, there is another solution. I could move your seat to the front of the room.”
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“But then I wouldn’t be by Jenny and Amanda,” Rachel said.

“You’re going to have to make a decision, Rachel. Either you wear your glasses or I move your seat. The choice is up to you.”

Rachel turned to look at Jenny and Amanda. Jenny had a worried expression on her face. Amanda mouthed the words, “What’s wrong?”

They were good friends, and Rachel wanted to continue sitting by them.

“I think I’m going to keep my seat in the back,” Rachel said.

Mrs. Grimes nodded. “Okay, but if I don’t see you wearing your glasses when you’re copying problems from the board, I’ll be forced to move your seat.”

“I understand.” Rachel walked back to her seat, wondering how she was going to tell Jenny and Amanda that she needed to wear glasses.

“Are you in trouble?” Jenny asked.

“You look scared,” Amanda said.

“I’m not in trouble. I just have to wear my glasses if I’m going to sit back here with you.”

“Then put them on,” Jenny said with a shrug. Rachel smiled. “I will.”
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   **clue:** choice

2. ____ e ____ ____ ____ ____ t ____ d
   **clue:** unable to clearly see things far away

3. _____ _____ h
   **clue:** subject dealing with numbers

4. _____ _____ i _____ _____ r e _____
   **clue:** spoke very softly

5. _____ o _____ _____ d
   **clue:** moved head up and down

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7. s_q_u_i_n_t_e_d
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1. decision

4. whispered

5. nodded

6. expression

7. squinted