

What did he say?

1 a) Anne is a student at Mountain Valley High. Today she met Simon, a new student at school. Read their dialogue.

- Anne** Oh, hi! Are you new here? And what's your name?
- Simon** Yes, hi, my name is Simon. I'm from London. My family moved here because dad has a new job.
- Anne** Oh, OK. Welcome to Mountain Valley. So what are your hobbies, Simon?
- Simon** Well, I love playing football. Actually I'm looking for a new football team. And I really enjoy cooking.
- Anne** Cooking? That's interesting. What's your favourite meal?
- Simon** Oh, I love all kinds of Italian food. But my favourite meal is lasagna.
- Anne** Mmm, that sounds yummy. Let's cook together! Do you want to come to my place tomorrow after school? I'll ask if Matt and Sue can come too. Then we can go shopping and cook something together.
- Simon** Your idea sounds great! Oh, Matt ... I think that Matt plays football. Is that right?
- Anne** Yeah, he is in the school team. You can ask him about joining.
- Simon** Good idea. Thanks Anne! See you tomorrow.
- Anne** See you!

b) Anne writes about her conversation with Simon in her diary. What did he say?

<p style="text-align: center;">Dear diary, guess what - we have a new student in class. I think he's so cute ...</p> <p>I started talking to him, and he said that _____.</p> <p>He told me that _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>I asked him about his hobbies, and he told me that _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>And he said that he _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>I asked him what his favourite meal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">_____ was, and he told me that _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>I asked him if he wanted to come to my place with Matt and Sue. I said that we could go shopping and then cook something together. He said that my idea _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>He also said that he thought that Matt _____.</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>I told him that Matt was in the school team and Simon could ask him about joining. So, Simon will come over tomorrow. Isn't that great? 😊</p>
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Words, words, words

- 1 There are 15 words that have to do with bullying and discrimination in this grid. They are written across → or down ↓. Find the words.

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V	F	N	V	J	M	T	G	N	T	O	D	S	B	X
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X	S	P	X	N	E	G	A	T	I	V	I	T	Y	L



- 2 Read the sentences. Some words got mixed up – only the first letter is correct. Write the correct words.

- Everybody should treat each other with **(r)scepet** _____.
- Do you sometimes do something just because everybody else is doing it?
That's peer **(p)rrseseu** _____.
- It takes a lot of **(c)augor** _____ to stand up to peer pressure.
- A **(b)luly** _____ is a person who is mean to others.
- A **(v)iiemt** _____ is a person who is hurt by someone else.
- When a bully is mean to someone using technology it is called
(c)gnrlylibbyu _____.
- It's very **(f)arstrugni** _____ to see someone get bullied – and you don't know how to stop it.
- Some people still have a **(p)cudreeij** _____ against girls and think that they can't do maths.
- You experience **(d)tniasrcmniio** _____ when someone behaves differently towards you because of who you are (your race, gender, religion, etc.).

- 3 Did you notice that the words in exercise 2 were also in the grid? You should have six words left over from the grid. Pick three of the extra words and write a sentence for each on a separate piece of paper.

My good friend nevus flammeus

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"Uh oh, here comes Susie the Snowman." Susan tried not to listen, but it was too late. "Oh man is she, like, a goth or something?"

5 What's up with the make-up?"

She started walking faster. At that moment she felt something on her back. It was Patty, the leader of the group.

10 "Hey Susie, where are you going?" Patty asked.

"Um, to my locker."

"OK, well, have a cool afternoon," Patty smiled a wide smile. Susan felt nervous. Why was Patty smiling at her? Since the

15 start of Junior High, Patty had made fun of how Susan looked.



Susan knew a lot about looking different. Ever since she was a baby, she'd had large birthmarks on her arms and face. Her doctor called them 'nevus flammeus' and said they were harmless, but it's hard to ignore something that takes up half of your face.

20 So the minute her mom allowed her to use make-up, Susan started wearing it every day. It used to take her a long time, but now she was really good at it. She used a lot of make-up to cover the large, dark red spots. It made it impossible to see the birthmarks, but it left Susan with a very white face, almost as if she was wearing a mask.

30 To hide the birthmarks on her arms Susan wore long-sleeved shirts, even in the middle of summer when other girls were wearing sleeveless tops. Susan was always really hot, but at least no one could see the birthmarks.

"Susan! What is that on your back!?"

40 Susan turned around to see her friend Amelia walking towards her with a worried look on her face.

"I don't know! What is it?" asked Susan. Amelia pulled something off of her back – it was a piece of paper with a picture of a snowman. The snowman had a scary look on its face and was named 'Susan the Gothic Snowman!'

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Susan turned around to see her friend Susan realized that she had been walking around with that picture on her back for almost an hour. No one had said anything. She was so embarrassed, she started crying.



"We're going to the bathroom," decided Amelia, picking up Susan's backpack with one hand and holding Susan's arm with the other. Amelia said quietly, "Stupid Patty, I could just slap her. Someone should."

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60 Finally it was 3:15 and Susan was free. She walked home quickly. She texted with Amelia on her way home:

"You OK?" wrote Amelia.

65 "I'm fine. You don't have to worry about me," replied Susan.

"I just want you to know she's an idiot and everyone thinks she's stupid. Don't feel bad."

"I know. I just wish that I could look normal."

"You look normal to me."

70 "I don't feel normal. I feel ugly and weird."

"Have you tried coming to school without make-up?"

"Not for a long time."

75 "Why don't you try it? Patty is already making your life horrible."

"I'll think about it."

After dinner, Susan was on the computer, googling images of people with birthmarks. To her the people looked normal. Susan decided that it was time to be honest with the world. She decided to make a video.

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"Hey guys, it's me. So I guess today is going to be a serious video. I want you to meet someone – it's my good friend nevus flammeus. I've had birthmarks on my face and my arms for as long as I can remember, but I've always wanted them to go away. For the last three years I've been wearing make-up and long-sleeved shirts so that you can't see them. But there are some girls at school that make fun of me for wearing make-up. They call me snowman, goth."

They say I look weird and ugly. It hurts
 95 when they say these things to me."
 Susan realized she was crying again.
 "OK. This is all going to stop now. I'm done
 with hiding. You'll see the real me."
 Susan paused the video and went to the
 100 bathroom. She took off all her make-up and
 put on a t-shirt. Then she went back to the
 computer and clicked the record button.
 "OK. Here it is. This is me."

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105 Later that night Susan checked her video to
 read the comments. She was shocked – 37
 views already? And she had 24 new
 subscribers! The first comment was from
 'Ailema795' – that was Amelia.

110 "I'm so proud to be your friend, you're so beautiful
 and brave. BFF!!!"
 "The bullies are just jealous cause you're
 awesome."
 "beautiful ♥"
 115 "omg I have the birthmarks too, thanks for making
 this video it helps me feel better."
 "you're so pretty don't be sad"
 "Nevus flammeus is my friend too. Stay strong
 against the bullies, don't let them win."

120 Susan felt like crying again, but this time it
 was because she was happy. She thought
 she had never been this happy before, ever.
 At school the next day Susan was really
 scared because she wasn't wearing any
 125 make-up. When she arrived at her locker,
 she started to panic. What was all that stuff
 all over her locker? Did Patty play another
 joke on her? But, wait – those weren't
 snowmen, those were – hearts? They had
 130 notes written on them:
 "Susan's awesome"
 "You ROCK!"
 "Well done Susan!"
 "SUSAN!"
 135 She turned around to see Amelia running
 towards her.
 "What are you wearing, Amelia!?" Susan
 didn't understand. It was at hot, at least 29
 degrees in the school and Amelia was in a
 140 long-sleeved shirt.
 "It's for you, silly! A lot of us are doing it,"
 Amelia smiled.
 It was true. About twenty of Susan's
 classmates wore long-sleeved shirts that

Text: part II

145 day. And new hearts kept appearing on her
 locker all week. It was a great day and
 Susan didn't have time to think about how
 she looked without make-up.

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150 Later that week, a heart appeared on her
 locker with the message, "Don't worry I'm
 gonna take care of Patty ..."
 Susan took down the message. Who was
 this? What were they going to do? She
 155 didn't want Patty to get bullied. She just
 wanted the bullying to stop. She decided to
 make another video.

"Guys, I don't know how to say thank you
 enough! Thank you to all of my friends,
 160 classmates, subscribers and everyone that
 commented on my video. Your support has
 been amazing, I couldn't have done it
 without you.

Now I have a request. Please, please, don't
 165 bully my bully. It doesn't help anything to
 make her life bad. Just leave her alone."

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On Monday, Patty came up to Susan's
 locker.

170 "Hey Susan," she said.

"Hi Patty," Susan answered.

"So look, Susan, I just want to say ... I didn't
 know you would take the things I said so
 seriously. I won't say it again."

175 "Thanks, Patty."

Amelia came up to Susan and the two
 watched Patty walk away.

"Was that ... an apology?" Amelia asked.

180 "Yeah. Crazy, isn't it? Hey, have I shown
 you this birthmark on my arm?" Susan
 asked.

"Um, no. What's up with it?"

"Don't you think it looks like a heart? I've
 always thought of it as if I have my heart on
 185 my arm. You know, like the saying, 'she
 shows her feelings – she wears her heart on
 her sleeve,'" Susan said.

"Oh wow, you're right! Doesn't it feel good to
 let that show?" Amelia asked.

190 "It does." It did.

My good friend nevus flammeus

- 1 Read the text. Then write the correct heading above each part.
Be careful – there are two more headings than you need.

A POSITIVE REACTIONS

B THE DECISION

C A BAD TURN IN THE END

D ENDING THE MASQUERADE

E ANOTHER BAD DAY AT SCHOOL

F FINALLY FEELING GOOD

G THE FIRST WINTER

H DON'T BULLY THE BULLY!

- 2 Find phrases or sentences in the text and write them down. Write down the numbers of the lines where you found it as well.

1. *getting bullied by someone* – _____
_____ ()
2. *feeling OK* – _____ ()
3. *feeling terrible when you hear something* – _____ ()
4. *being close to tears again* – _____ ()
5. *telling someone that they're cool* – _____ ()
6. *needing the help of others* – _____ ()
7. *ignoring somebody* – _____ ()
8. *showing ones feelings* – _____ ()

- 3 Answer the questions and finish the sentences about the story.
1. The **characters**: Who is the story about?
The main character in this story is ... The story is also about Patty and Amelia, ...
 2. The **setting**: Where does the story happen?
The story happens at ... But it also takes place at ...
 3. The **plot**: Say what happens in the story – in a few sentences.
First Susan thinks that ... Then Amelia texts her that ... Susan decides to ... After she ...
 4. The **mood**: How do you feel when you read this story? Why?
I think it was interesting when ... I was angry when ... I felt sorry when ... It was exciting ... I was surprised ... I think it was wrong for ... I didn't think that ...