

# Wonder Comprehension Answers

## Part A

1. Why do you think that dance class is August's least favourite subject?

*August is probably embarrassed about other children not wanting to dance with him. He doesn't want to have to deal with it.*

2. Does August like science? How do you know?

*August clearly likes science because he talks about the lesson in detail and he says it's cool.*

3. On page 71, do you think that the dance teacher was aware what was going on?

*I think the dance teacher probably was aware what was going on because she changed the lesson so that no one was dancing with anyone else. She probably didn't want to embarrass the children.*

4. Why did August's hand touch Tristan's?

*August's hand touched Tristan's because he was trying to move his foil from the plates just as Tristan was moving his.*

5. How do you think the Cheese Touch idea got started at Beecher Prep?

*Example answer: The Cheese Touch idea was probably started by someone like Julian. It's the kind of nasty game that children play. They are being nasty but after a while it just becomes something that everybody does without even thinking about it – the children aren't being deliberately horrible, they've become caught up in the nasty game but that doesn't excuse their behaviour.*

6. What's the difference between Tristan and Julian in the way they treat August?

*Example answer: Julian is deliberately nasty towards August. He goes out of his way to bully him and set other children against him. Tristan, however, is 'okay-nice' to August but he's not particularly friendly and he is one of those who continues the Cheese Touch 'game'.*

7. Why does August like Halloween so much?

*August likes Halloween because he gets to wear a mask so that no-one can see his face. He gets to be treated like everyone else.*

8. Do you think the astronaut helmet had been put in Gran's attic?

*Example answer: I don't think the helmet is in Gran's attic otherwise Mom would have found it by now. I think that Mom got rid of the helmet because August was wearing it so much and it wasn't good for him to keep hiding his face inside the helmet.*

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9. Why does August want to be Boba Fett from The Empire Strikes Back?

*August wants to be the grown-up version of Boba Fett. Since he's started school, he's consistently wanted to be treated like a grown-up.*

10. Why do you think Dad thinks Bleeding Scream is a better costume?

*I think that Dad thinks Bleeding Scream is more grown up than the Star Wars costume. It's also more appropriate for Halloween.*