



Wonder Chapters 6 & 7

Paging Mr. Tushman and Nice Mrs. Garcia

Task 1:

Re-read both chapters and use your retrieval skills to find information about Mr. Tushman and Mrs. Garcia.

Write down words or phrases to describe each character in the table, for example what they wear, their character or their personality.

At the end, write down one word to describe your first impression of both Mr. Tushman and Mrs. Garcia, explaining the reasons for your choices.

Mr. Tushman	Mrs. Garcia
<p>normal guy</p> <p>hasn't got a huge butt</p> <p>tall and thin</p> <p>old but not old</p> <p>seemed nice</p> <p>polite</p> <p>wore red Adidas trainers</p> <p>blue eyes</p> <p>white eyelashes</p> <p>speaks normally to August – looks straight at him.</p>	<p>nice-seeming lady</p> <p>wore glasses on a chain</p> <p>really shiny smile</p> <p>warm hands</p> <p>well-organised</p> <p>wore purple sandals with purple flowers on the buckle</p> <p>has a grandson</p> <p>seems nervous around August and quickly looks away.</p>
<p>My impression of Mr Tushman is that he is _____.</p> <p>I think this because</p>	<p>My impression of Mrs. Garcia is that she is _____.</p> <p>I think this because</p>

Task 2:

Nice Mrs Garcia	
Vocabulary	Find and copy a word which means the same as 'gazed'.
Infer	How do you think August felt when mom 'stepped aside'? How do you think Mr Tushman is trying to make August feel? How do we know that August's mom is also nervous?
Predict	Predict why Mr Tushman took August to see Mrs Garcia.
Explain	Why does the author write 'Office of the middle school director' in capital letters?
Retrieve	What thing happened that August had seen a 'million times before'? Find and copy two things the children ask Mrs Garcia. Why did all the grown ups laugh in Mrs Garcia's office? What time does Mrs Garcia arrive at school? How old is Mrs Garcia's grandson?

V: Gazed = either stared or looked up.

I: I think when Mom stepped aside, August felt nervous – he had been hiding behind her because he wasn't feeling brave, so when she moved away, he was in the spotlight and didn't like it.

I: I think Mr Tushman is trying to make August feel at ease/comfortable by joking about his killer handshake and making everyone laugh.

I: When Mrs. Garcia gives Mom's hand a little squeeze and says they will take very good care of August, he notices mom is looking nervous.

P: She is the person who all the students go to if they need help. She tells August he can ask her anything.

E: Capital letters are used to show it is a sign on the door.

R: Mrs Garcia's eyes drop for a second when she sees his face for the first time.

R: Any of these: their combination, a late pass, to change their elective.

R: The grown-ups laugh when Mr Tushman says August has a killer handshake/says Mrs Garcia runs the place

R: Seven-thirty in the morning.