



Wonder Chapter 12 ANSWERS

Home

Task 1:

A discussed in our session, the word 'nice' is repeated 7 times in the chapter *Home*. Often, people use bland words such as nice when they are in a difficult situation (like August and his mum in this chapter) to disguise what they're really thinking.

In this activity, you need to find better synonyms and antonyms for the bland adjective 'nice' used to describe each noun.

If you have a thesaurus, or can access an online thesaurus, you can use this to help you choose some much stronger adjectives to improve the word 'nice' to describe the different nouns in the table. You might need to use 'an' instead of 'a' if your adjective begins with a vowel!

You then need to choose a suitable antonym (opposite word) to describe the same noun. An example has been done for you.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTED ANSWERS!

Nice	Stronger Adjective	Antonym (Opposite)
A nice dress	A beautiful dress	A terrible dress
A nice party	An awesome party	A boring party
A nice book	An action-packed book	A disappointing book
A nice person	A loving person	A cruel person
A nice holiday	An adventurous holiday	A peaceful holiday
A nice song	A cheerful song	A dreary song
A nice haircut	A fashionable haircut	A disastrous haircut
A nice dog	A gentle dog	A ferocious dog

Task 2:

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Vocabulary	Find a verb which means the same as 'taking up a lot'. Find and copy a word which means the same as 'pushing'. Find and copy a word which means the same as 'surprised'.
Infer	Why do you think August isn't sure about how he should feel about the school? Why do you think Mom calls August 'Auggie'?
Predict	The next chapter is called 'First-Day Jitters'. What might happen in this chapter?
Explain	Explain why Mom's face began to turn red.
Retrieve	Where did August go when they got home? Who is Daisy? Why was Mom surprised about Julian?
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in one sentence.

V: taking up a lot = hogging

V: pushing = nudging

V: surprised = shocked

I: I think August doesn't know how he should feel about the school as it is a new experience for him. He is probably excited to be going, but also scared about how other children and teachers will react to him, based on his experience on the tour. I think he is feeling overwhelmed.

I: I think August's mom calls him Auggie as she is trying to comfort him and that is what she called him when he was a baby.

P: I think First Day Jitters are the feelings you get in your tummy on the first day of school, when you are nervous. The next chapter is probably August's first day of school.

E: Along the lines of: I think Mom's face starts to go red because she is upset at hearing that Julian was mean to August and she is trying not to cry. OR I think Mom's face starts to go red because she is starting to feel angry that Julian had been to August the first time he met him.

R: He ran to his bedroom.

R: Daisy is August's dog.

R: Mom thought Julian was nice but then realises he is one of those kids 'who's one way in front of grown-ups and another way in front of kids'.

S: August tells mom what the children he met at Beecher Prep are like.