Lamb to the Slaughter

Re-read this brief conversation between August and Julian. The pictures below show the different Star Wars characters they are speaking about.

Padawan apprentice with a braid.

Darth Sidious.

Jango Fett.

"Wait, I have a question for August," said Julian, raising his hand. "Why do you have that tiny braid in the back of your hair? Is that like a Padawan thing?"

"Yeah." I shrug-nodded.

"What's a Padawan thing?" said Ms. Petosa, smiling at me.

"It's from *Star Wars*," answered Julian. "A Padawan is a Jedi apprentice."

"Oh, interesting," answered Ms. Petosa, looking at me. "So, are you into *Star Wars*, August?"

"I guess." I nodded, not looking up because what I really wanted was to just slide under the desk.

"Who's your favorite character?" Julian asked. I started thinking maybe he wasn't so bad.

"Jango Fett."

"What about Darth Sidious?" he said. "Do you like him?"

"Okay, guys, you can talk about *Star Wars* stuff at recess," said Ms. Petosa cheerfully. "But let's keep going. We haven't heard from *you* yet," she said to Jack.

Now it was Jack's turn to talk, but I admit I didn't hear a word he said. Maybe no one got the Darth Sidious thing, and maybe Julian didn't mean anything at all. But in *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*, Darth Sidious's face gets burned by Sith lightning and becomes totally de-formed. His skin gets all shriveled up and his whole face just kind of melts.

I peeked at Julian and he was looking at me. Yeah, he knew what he was saying.
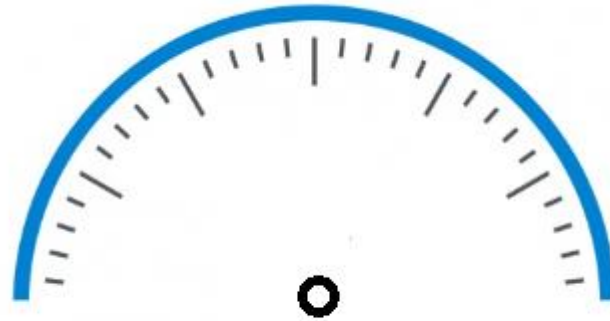
Do you think August is being overly sensitive or do you think
Julian is being particularly mean?

Is there any evidence from the text that supports your ideas or opinion?

Task 1:

Based on what you have read, and the opinion you have formed, draw an arrow on the opinionometer pointing to the statement you agree most with.

Complete the sentence, showing whether you agree with **Statement A** or **Statement B** and give a reason why using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Statement A	**Statement B**
August is being overly sensitive.	Julian is being particularly mean.

I agree with Statement _____ because _____

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Task 2:

Around The Room, Lamb To The Slaughter	
Vocabulary	What is an 'animal shelter'?
	What is a 'Padawan'?
Infer	Why do you think Julian is really kind to adults?
	Why did Julian compare August to Darth Sidious?
Predict	The next chapter is called 'Choose Kind'. What do you think the author might mean by this?
Explain	Explain why Ms Petosa was asking people to talk about themselves.
Retrieve	Where did Ms Petosa used to work?
	What games console does Julian own?
	How many sisters does Charlotte have?
	What does 'like a lamb to the slaughter' mean?
Summarise	Summarise these chapters in no more than two sentences.