

The Gauntlet

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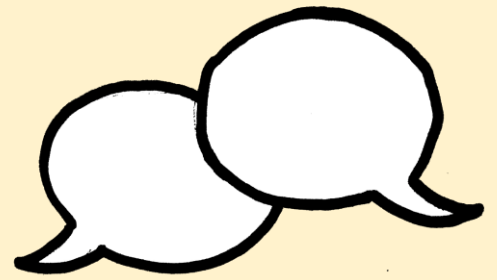
Quick Start

- Why does Farah feel different in her new class?
- What is her brother's name?
- What is different about her brother?
- What do the family often do together?
- What is Farah's aunt's name?

Vocabulary Check

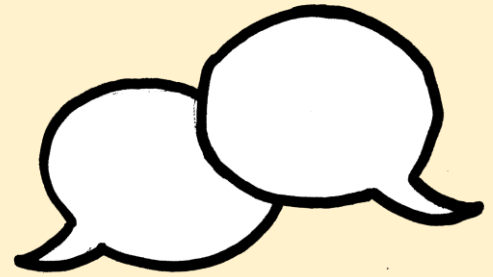
- board games were a favorite pastime
- rule that trumped any other game rules
- the rest of her family devoured.
- how infrequently Farah and Ahmad saw her
- brimming with simmering sauces
- in odd, erratic patterns
- expect from an absent minded grandmother
- wandering off without detection

Partnered Talk



What have we learned about Ahmad in this extract?

Partnered Talk



‘As in many families, every once in a while Farah was expected to lose a game or two to her younger sibling.’

Do you agree with this statement? Why?

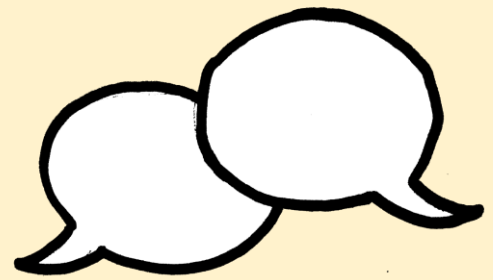
Individual Thinking



‘Trying to avoid just this scenario, Baba and Ma gave Ahmad gifts even on Farah’s birthday to keep his antics to a minimum.’

How do you think this makes Farah feel?

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Create a list of questions you would like to ask Farah or her family.

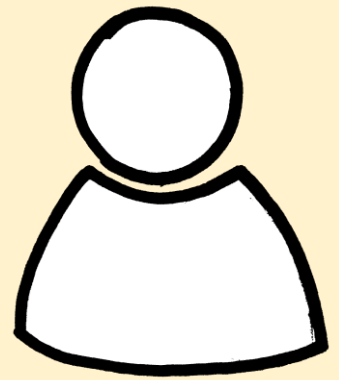
Individual Thinking



Choose a word to describe Farah.

Explain why you have chosen your word based on evidence from the text.

Solo Work



Predict what is inside the square package Aunt Zohra gave Farah for her birthday.