Aphasia Book Club

Crashing Through

Chapter 1 Questions

Worksheet A

1. On pages 6-8, Mike May meets Dr. Goodman who tells him that he may be able to have a surgery to restore his eyesight. How did May react to this news? Why do you think he reacted in such a way? How would you react if someone told you that after a couple of surgeries, you would not have aphasia anymore?

1. In chapter 1 it’s revealed that May has some special abilities and that he is sometimes referred to as “super blind” (9). What were some of his special abilities? Do you think that you have any special abilities that set you apart from other people?
2. May’s current business plan is to develop a GPS that is specific for the blind. If you could have a device that could help you do anything, what would it be? What kind of device would you try to invent (be creative!) that could help you with your aphasia?
3. Throughout the chapter, May’s wife periodically asks him if he has thought anymore about the vision surgery. He stresses how much he appreciates that she is not trying to push him into making a decision but it just curious. Why is it important that she is not trying to force his hand or his decision? How would you react if you found out your spouse/family member might be able to see again and they were not jumping at the opportunity?