Aphasia Book Club

Crashing Through

Chapter 11 & 12 Questions

Worksheet B

1. On page 186, Mike is frustrated that, after two months, his vision still isn’t getting better. He says, “after a while you want to think that all the work is getting you somewhere. I mean, that’s human nature, right?”. Do you think Mike should be frustrated?

No, he should not be frustrated Yes, he should be frustrated

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2. On page 189, Mike doesn’t understand why his eye is good enough to drive and he looks sharp, but he can’t see the eye chart from twenty feet away nor can he see details. He says, “Start connecting, for God’s sake! Start connecting!” It has been mentioned in the group that sometimes you get frustrated because you know what you want to say, but you cannot say it. In a way, your brain and speech aren’t “connecting”. Although different, do you think you can relate to Mike?

No, I don’t relate at all to Mike Yes, I can relate to Mike

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3. When Mike sees something, and doesn’t know what it is, he relies on clues to help him. What are these clues?

1. Touch
2. Color
3. Context and exception
4. Other sense
5. All of the above

4. Although Mike has been struggling with his vision and thinking it was “getting more overwhelming rather than less” (page 211), he is telling everyone that he’s fine. He also keeps telling himself that he’s Mike May, and he’ll find a way. How do you feel about Mike telling everyone that he’s fine even though he’s not?

1. I think it’s okay he’s keeping it to himself
2. He should tell his friends and family how he actually feels
3. I don’t care
4. Other: