Aphasia Book Club

Crashing Through

Chapter 5 Questions

Worksheet A

1. On pages 71-75, May tells Jennifer about the results of his B-scan. What was Jennifer’s reaction to the news? What does the author mean by, Jennifer giving May “space for his thinking?” (p.74) How would you react if you were told that you could be cured of aphasia, with the risk of cancer and losing your ability to understand or produce speech at any time in your life?
2. In chapter 5, May and Bashin agree that “the highest good for a person, blind or sighted, was pushing forward in one’s chosen realm” (p.76). Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.
3. Chapter 5 mentions several cases of vision restoration after long term blindness (p.81-90). Pick one case which you thought to be interesting. Explain why you think the patient experienced so much difficulty with their restored vision?
4. Near the end of chapter 5, May asks Jennifer “*Do you think it’s worth it, Jen?*” (p.91) What was Jennifer’s response? How would you respond if it were your family/friend? What if it were you? Do you think it’s worth to risk everything you have right now (life, current ability of communication, etc.) to cure aphasia?