Aphasia Book Club

Crashing Through

Chapter 6 Questions

Worksheet B

1. On page 97, it mentions Mike and Jennifer’s first date when they went horseback riding. Mike could hear that Jennifer didn’t slow down to make their ride safer and “that sound meant everything to him, the sound of a person who lived in a world of impressions having the impression that he could do anything”. How important do you think Jennifer’s belief in Mike is/was for their relationship?

Not important Very important

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2. On page 103, Mike starts training for a new type of skiing: speed skiing. There had been no blind competitors for this sport, and Mike was worried as he began training. Why was Mike worried about speed skating?

a. He didn’t like the cold

b. He was skiing without Ron Salviolo

c. The snug helmet, skis’ width and thickness, and skiers’ tight crouch deprived him of all almost all sensory input

d. He was scared of skiing so fast

3. On page 112, Mike gives up “an unlimited travel budget, the backing of an established company, and the security of a regular paycheck”. Why does he give all this up?

a. To have a family

b. To start his own GPS company

c. To move back to Oregon

d. He didn’t like his boss

4. Mike had been involved in three entrepreneurship businesses, including Finial Technology (pages 93-94, 102), Maytek Sports (page 105-107), and Custom Eyes (page 107). Finial Technology and Maytek Sports were unsuccessful and he left Custom Eyes to work for another company, and now he wants to start his own GPS company. Do you think it’s a smart idea for Mike to start his own business?

Not a smart idea Definitely a smart idea

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