Aphasia Book Club

Crashing Through

Chapter 7-8 Questions

Worksheet A

1. On page 115, May describes a “new kind of risk” to the surgery. What does May mean by this? Do you feel that aphasia has become a part of your identity? Explain why or why not.
2. At his father’s memorial service, May says, “Let’s not wait around” (p.119). What does May mean by these words? Would you consider yourself to be a person who tends to wait and see, or are you a challenger? Why do you think you are the type of person you are, and have you ever felt the need to change?
3. In chapter 7, May made his decision about the surgery. What was his decision? Why do you think he made the decision, and would you decide to do a risky surgery to treat aphasia for the same reason? Explain why or why not.
4. In Chapter 8, May sees for the first time in decades. What were some of his reactions? How did Jennifer react? Imagine that you did a surgery to treat aphasia and it seemed to work, how would you react? Is there anything you would like to do if this ever happened to you?