

Aphasia Book Club
***The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* - Chapters 13-16**
Worksheet A

1. Murray decides to meet Jason's father properly (pages 73-74). Jason's father doesn't seem to think that Murray is helping Jason, and is rude to Murray. Murray decides that Jason's dad is "misguided" and "got his priorities mixed up" (page 74). What does Murray think his priorities should be? Do you think that Murray sees a bit of himself in Jason's father? Why or why not? Has there been a time in your life that you've had your "priorities mixed up"?

2. Murray meets Tiegan and Jason at the hospital for one of Jason's treatments. When the doctor checks Jason's vitals, Jason lies about how often he uses his oxygen (page 81). Do you think Murray should have spoken up and told the doctor the truth? Why or why not? Have you ever been put in a situation where you had to lie or withhold the truth from someone? How did this make you feel?

3. Jason, Murray, and Tiegan have an email exchange regarding dinner (pages 85-87). Murray has a hard time understanding Jason's email, so Tiegan interprets it for him in standard English. What does this say about Tiegan's character? How are Tiegan and Jason different? What role do you think Tiegan will play in the story?

4. Murray and Chance have an argument, and Chance says some disrespectful things towards his grandfather (pages 90-91). Chance apologizes, and Murray forgives him, thinking "Way I was raised, you forgive family. No matter what" (page 91). Do you agree with this statement? Would you have forgiven Chance if he had been that disrespectful to you? Has there ever been a time that you've felt like you have been too forgiving?