

Fish in a Tree

Read or listen to the first chapter of the novel, Fish in a Tree.  Fish in a Tree: Chapter 1

Part A: Vocabulary

| <u>Vocabulary Study</u> | |
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| Write a definition for each word. Use this site - https://www.dictionary.com/browse/canadian or a real dictionary. | |
| Tornado (n) | |
| Annoyed (adj) | |

Chapter 1: Part B (Choose 1 question and write your answer in the box below.)

1. "I can't think of anything worse than having to describe myself. I'd rather write about something more positive. Like throwing up at your own birthday party." (page 2) Explain this quote, using details from the text. What can you infer about how Ally feels about herself, from this quote?
2. "Teachers are like the machines that take quarters for bouncy balls. You know what you're going to get. Yet, you don't know, too." (page 2) Explain what this quote means. Consider using an example from your own life to make a connection to the text.
3. "I've been drawing pictures of myself being shot out of a cannon. It would be easier than school. Less painful." (page 2) Using your own words, and evidence from chapter 1, what does Ally mean by this? Include an illustration of Ally being shot out of a cannon.
4. "The circular scribbles are big on top and small on the bottom. It looks like a tornado and I wonder if I meant to draw a picture of my insides." (page 4) Using evidence from the text, explain why Ally scribbled on her desk. What does it mean when she says "I wonder if I meant to draw a picture of my insides"?