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Symbolism

Answer the following questions based on Chapter 19 of “The Skin I’m In”.

1. *“I want to hold onto the sun for as long as I can. To save up the picture for when I am below again and need to remember that the sun is always shining.”*

- a) Who said these words? _____
- b) What does the **sun** in the above statement symbolize? _____
- c) The speaker wants to save up the picture of the sun for when he/she is *“below again”*. Which statement best represents the **symbolic (figurative)** meaning of the phrase *“below again”*?
 - A. At the bottom
 - B. Feeling down
 - C. Full of life

2. *“You have to take a stand when things aren’t right.”*

- a. Name the speaker. _____
- b. This statement is directed to _____.
- c. Where was the statement made? _____

3. *“Don’t kill their spirits.”*

- a. Name the figurative device (figure of speech) being used. _____
- b. What does the statement mean?
 - A. Do not commit murder.
 - B. Do not be judgmental.
 - C. Do not cause others to become disinterested.

4. *“Girl you ask a thousand questions.”*

- a. Who said these words? (Chapter 20) _____

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- b. Name the figurative device (figure of speech) being used. _____
- c. What does the statement mean?
- A. To literally ask one thousand questions.
 - B. Asking a lot of questions.
 - C. One is too inquisitive.