

Question #1: Read the text QUICKLY and choose a title.

1. Happy Jack.
2. Advice from Mr. Chan.
3. A Talented Boy.

"Hi, Mr. Chan." Jack trudged up the steps to his neighbor's porch. "Why don't you sit down for a minute and keep me company?" Mr. Chan said, gesturing to the empty chair next to him.

"OK. Maybe for a minute." Jack sat down.

Mr. Chan noticed that Jack was looking through his sketch book. "Have you been drawing every day, Jack?"

"Yeah," Jack said, holding up the sketchbook for Mr. Chan to see. "These are great," Mr. Chan said, taking the sketchbook from Jack. "You've improved a lot."

"Do you really think they're good?"

"Absolutely," Mr. Chan said. "You know, I used to make model airplanes when I was your age."

"Really? Do you still have them?" Jack asked.

"No, they're all gone, I'm afraid. But I'm still friends with two of the kids I met when I was buying my model kits. You've met them—Rob Jones and James Finn."

"You've known them since you were a kid?" Jack looked amazed.

"Yes, I have. They've been my best friends ever since then."

Jack looked down again. "I don't have a best friend. I don't have any friends, really, except for you," Jack said quietly. He paused, but then words came spilling out of his mouth. "My brothers have tons of friends. They met them playing sports. All the kids at school like sports, too. But I don't. I'm just too different to make friends." Mr. Chan smiled kindly at Jack. "I know it seems like everyone at school likes sports, but not everyone does. It's just that sports are easy to see. Do you know what I mean?"

"Not really," Jack said.

"Let me put it this way," Mr. Chan said. "Does anyone at school know that you like art?" Jack thought for a moment. "No," he said.

"Why? Is it because you've never shown them you like to draw?"

"I guess so," Jack answered. "Do you think there might be other kids at school who like art but are quiet about it, too?"

"I never thought about it like that," Jack said.

"No matter where you go, Jack, you can find a friend. You just have to show people who you are. Volunteer to draw posters for school clubs. Take an art class at the community center. I bet you'll make a lot of new friends."

Jack thought for a moment. "Thanks for the advice," he said, smiling at his friend.

Question #2: Read the text again answer:

- 1) The speakers are
a. Mr. Chan only. B. Mr. Chan & Jack. C. Jack only.
- 2) Are these characters real?
a. Yes. B. No
- 3) Are they believable?
a. Yes. B. No.
- 4) The setting is
a. Another planet. B. A mystical village. C. The neighbor's porch
- 5) Is this setting believable?
a. Yes. B. No
- 6) Can we consider this story as a realistic fiction? Why?
a. Yes. B. No.

Type the reason here:

Question #3: Read again and answer (T) true or (F) false, and mention the reason for the false answers:

- 1) Jack has his sketch book with him while visiting Mr. Chan.
- 2) Jack has tons of friends.
- 3) Jack was happy when he visited Mr. Chan.
- 4) Jack is a good painter.
- 5) Mr. Chan's advice to Jack is to show people who he is.