Out of My Mind

Chapters 1-5

1. What condition had Melody been born with?

2. What kind of music did Dad enjoy?

3. Since Melody cannot speak, how does she communicate?

4. Who or what was Sydney?

5. How old was Melody at the start of the story?

6. By what did Melody feel she was surrounded?

7. What was the name of the doctor meant to evaluate Melody’s intelligence?

8. What did Melody call her extreme episodes of frustration?

9. After being furious with the doctor’s recommendation, where did Mom enroll Melody?

Chapters 6-11

1. What kind of classes did Melody’s school start trying?

2. What did Melody get for her eighth birthday?

3. What did Mrs. Tracy figure out about Melody?

4. What was Doodle?

5. Why did Melody have a tornado explosion with Mrs. Billups?

6. Who was Ollile and how did he die?

7. What was Mrs. V’s full name?

8. How did Mrs. V and Mom work together before?

9. About whom was the very special documentary?

10. What was the one part of Melody that she considered magical and without flaws?

11. Who volunteered to help Melody in music class?

12. Why was Mom so nervous when she was pregnant with Penny?

Chapters 12 – 17

1. What was disappointing about the outing with Rose?

2. What contest did Mrs. V win?

3. About how much did the insurance company pay out of the total cost of the Medi-Talker?

4. What was the first phrase Melody tried on the Medi-Talker?

5. Of what did Dad make a video?

6. Who received a perfect score on the sample questions for Whiz Kids?

7. What was Mrs. V’s prize?

8. How did Mr. Dimming quietly insult Melody?

9. Who became Melody’s “mobility assistant” at school?

10. What was the long-range fifth grade project from Miss Gordon?

Chapter 18-23

1. Why did Mr. Dimming apologize to Melody?

2. What subject questions did Melody view as the most difficult?

3. What did Mrs. V start for Melody after hearing how she had been upset by Mr. Dimming?

4. How did Paul, the stage manager, know exactly how to tset up the answer board for Melody at the TV studio?

5. Why did Melody refuse the pizza during the practice session?

6. Why did Claire tell Melody she couldn’t be on the team?

7. Why did Catherine leave the room when Melody tried out for the team?

8. What was the wise guy comment Melody typed into the Medi-talker about her disability?

9. What was Penny always dragging behind her?

Chapter 24 – 28

1. What did Claire shockingly announce to the reporter after the competition?

2. Which two teams appeared in the final round?

3. Who was the moderator?

4. What happened when Melody’s family went to the airport?

5. Who ended up being the alternates for the big competition?

6. Where did the team decide to go eat after the competition?

7. Why was eating in the restaurant embarrassing for Melody?

8. On what TV show will the national winner appear?

9. Where would the next competition be held?

10. Why was Melody upset with newspaper article?

11. Who won the competition?

12. What was the first problem when the team got to the restaurant?

Chapters 29-33

1. Who took Melody’s place in the competition?

2. Why was Melody frantically trying to get Mom’s attention in the car?

3. Who never called like she was supposed to as she boarded the plane?

4. How was Penny hurt?

5. How did Melody finally fall asleep that awful day of the missed flight?

6. What place did the team come in for the DC competition?

7. What was the extent of Penny’s injuries?

8. Why was Mom called into work on her day off?

9. Why didn’t Melody take the bus that morning?

10. When it was silent in Mr. Dimming’s class, what did Melody have her Medi-Talker question very loudly?

11. Who did Mom hang up on out of anger when he/she called?