

English 8
Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging
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January Chapter

Georgia uses a mirror to convince Jas to look in it and love herself. Mum asks Georgia if she misses her father, and Georgia's response is to ask who he is. Georgia states in the January chapter that she appreciates Jas's normal household. The objectives of these questions are to discuss why Georgia's advice to Jas didn't work on herself, to discuss the relationship between Georgia and her father, and to discuss the differences Georgia sees between Jas's household and her own.

1. How does Georgia cheer Jas up after Jas's breakup with Tom? Where did she get the inspiration for this idea? Why does this technique work for Jas, but not for Georgia?

2. Is it the mirror that cheers Jas up, or Georgia's compliments? Do you think that Georgia would have responded better to this activity if it had been someone else who did it for her, as she did for Jas? Why does Georgia need the validation of others' praise?

3. What comment does Georgia make regarding whether or not she misses her father? Do you think this is how she really feels about him? Why or why not?

4. Based on the information given about Georgia and her father, what sort of relationship do the two of them seem to have?

5. How does Georgia's propensity toward sarcasm help her deal with her emotions? Is her sarcastic response to her mother how she truly feels, or is it an effort on her part to mask her true emotions? How is Georgia really handling her father's absence?

6. What does Georgia appreciate most about Jas's household? Why? Compare Georgia's household with Jas's. Why is Jas's more "normal" than Georgia's? What are the major differences?

7. How accurate is Georgia's perception of what is, or isn't, normal? What about Jas's household is so much better than Georgia's?

8. If she were to be in a household like Jas's, do you think Georgia would miss anything about life with her own family? If so, what might it be? Whose household do you, the reader, think is more normal? Why?
