



## Chapters 1-6

Ella and Skyler have different feelings about high school. How would you describe each of them? Include references from the book to back up your comments.

Are you more like Ella or Skyler? Why?

Why do you think Skyler's desire to hang out with new friends bothers Ella?

In Chapter 3, Ella rewrites the lists of things she is excited to do over the summer. Do you think she will let go of who she is to retain her friend?

Why does Ella write the BFF Summer Bucket List?

What happens when friends grow apart?

What do you think will happen with Mensing Academy? Why?

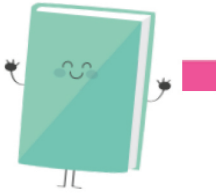
## Chapters 7-12

Social media is part of life for Ella and Skyler. How does it compare to your experience with social media?

What do you think of Ella's biggest fear? How would you react if your best friend told you that?

What does being a good friend entail? Do you think Ella and Skyler are being good friends at this point? Why or why not?

Do you think Ella shares any responsibility for Skyler's injuries? Why or why not?



## Chapters 13-18

Why do you think it's so hard for Skyler to tell Ella no?

How would you describe Skyler's relationship with her mom?

What would your favorite activity from Ella and Skyler's Bucket List be? Why?

## Chapters 19-24

In Chapter 19, what does Ella refer to as "a BFF ultimatum?" and how does she react?

How is Ella's mindset changing regarding friendship and change in general?

Have you ever gotten into a fight with your BFF? If so, what happened? If you could change anything about that time, would you?

In Chapter 24, the girls try to give things away. Were you surprised by what happened with Miss McCarty? Why or why not?

## Chapters 25-30

Have you ever gone letterboxing? If so, what was it like? If not, does it remind you of anything else? Does it seem like fun to you?

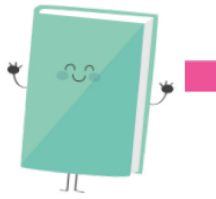
Why is it so hard for Ella and Skyler to tell each other the truth? Why do they still keep their secrets?

Who is jealous of whom? Is it possible to have more than one BFF?

Why doesn't Skyler completely trust Brooke?

In what ways is Mensing Academy a good fit for Ella?

Do you think Brooke knew about Ella's lime allergy? Why or why not?



## Chapters 31-38

In Chapter 31, Skyler says, “We don’t trade friends because we like different things, Brooke. I still like plenty of the same things Ella does.” What does this suggest about her view of friendship?

How do Ella and Skyler learn of each other’s secrets?

Why is it so hard for Ella and Skyler to be honest with each other after they’ve learned each other’s secrets?

In Chapter 36, Ella decides not to eat her last Starburst when she introduces herself to Alex. Why? What does this suggest about her character’s growth?

What is the difference between best friends and true friends? Which would you rather have?

What do you think the future will hold for Ella and Skyler? What clues in the book make you think that?



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