While reading Chapters 1–3
1 Answer these questions.
   a What kind of work does Charlie do?
   …………………………………………………
   b What is the problem with his business?
   …………………………………………………
   c Why is he driving through the desert?
   …………………………………………………
   d What news does he receive?
   …………………………………………………
   e When is his father’s funeral?
   …………………………………………………
   f How did he feel about his father?
   …………………………………………………
2 Discuss these questions with another student.
What do you think? Write the answers.
   What kind of person is Charlie?
   …………………………………………………
   Do you like him? Why or why not?
   …………………………………………………
   Do you think that he is right to do this? Why or why not?
   …………………………………………………
   What kind of person is Susanna?
   …………………………………………………
   Do you like her? Why or why not?
   …………………………………………………
3 Correct these sentences.
   a Charlie goes to his father’s house in Palm Springs.
   …………………………………………………
   b He loves the roses that he receives.
   …………………………………………………
   c His father was sixty when he wrote the letter.
   …………………………………………………
   d His father gave him three million dollars.
   …………………………………………………
   e He is very happy about his father’s will.
   …………………………………………………
   f He talks to a man at his father’s bank.
   …………………………………………………
4 Answer these questions.
   a Why does Charlie go to his father’s bank?
   …………………………………………………
   b Why does Charlie go to Wallbrook?
   …………………………………………………
   c Why does Charlie talk to Raymond?
   …………………………………………………
   d Why is Charlie astonished in Chapter 3?
   …………………………………………………
5 Work in pairs.
Student A is Charlie and Student B is Charlie’s father (pretend that he is still alive). Charlie’s father should tell Charlie that he plans to give all his money to Raymond. He should also explain why he wants to do this. Charlie should tell his father how he feels about his decision to give all his money to Raymond instead of to him.

Chapters 4–6
6 Match the questions with the answers.
   a What does Raymond write down in his notebook? …
   b What happens at the end of Chapter 4? …
   c Why doesn’t Raymond like his room at the hotel? …
   d How does Charlie make Raymond feel better about the hotel room? …
   e What does Raymond hear in Charlie’s and Susanna’s room? …
   f Why does Susanna decide to leave Charlie? …
   g How did Raymond learn the waitress’s telephone number? …
   h How many toothpicks fall on the floor in the restaurant? …
   1 Because she is very angry with him.
   2 He read it in the telephone book.
   3 Things that he is afraid of.
   4 He moves the bed and gets him a pizza.
   5 Raymond gets into the car and Charlie drives away.
   6 Because it is different from his room at Wallbrook.
   7 Two hundred and forty-six.
   8 The television.

7 Work in pairs. Write the conversation.
Student A is Charlie and Student B is Dr Bruner. Charlie should ask Dr Bruner about Raymond’s condition. Dr Bruner should answer Charlie’s questions and explain what Raymond can and can’t do well.

8 Write a letter.
Pretend that you are Charlie and write a letter to Dr Bruner. Tell him what you have done with Raymond and explain why you have done it.
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9 Discuss these questions with another student.
What do you think? Write the answers.
How is Charlie's life difficult?
How is Raymond's life difficult?
Whose life is more difficult – Charlie's or Raymond's?
Why do you think this?

10 Finish these sentences.
a …………. says, ‘What can I tell you?’
b …………. says, ‘Where are we taking him?’
c …………. says, ‘Just for tonight.’
d …………. says, ‘Do you ever smile?’
e …………. says, ‘Go and talk to him!’
f …………. says, ‘I have not kidnapped him!’
g …………. says, ‘How do you know my telephone number?’
h …………. says, ‘I can’t do that, Mr Babbitt.’

Chapters 7–9

11 Match the answers with the questions.
a Because he needs to save this business. …
b On Thursday, January 21st, 1965. …
c Because he put Charlie in hot water. …
d Eighteen years old. …
e Two years old. …
f Very little. …
g A little television. …
h For five hours. …
i Ninety thousand dollars. …
j A letter from Dr Bruner. …
k His brother. …
l The photograph. …
1 How long does Raymond play cards?
2 When did Raymond leave this family?
3 What does Charlie give Raymond?
4 What does Charlie find when he returns to Los Angeles?
5 Why did his father send Raymond away?
6 How much money does Charlie have left?
7 Why does Charlie need to get home?
8 How much money does Raymond win?
9 How old is Raymond in the photo?
10 What does Raymond give Charlie?
11 How old is Raymond in the photo?
12 What does Charlie want more than money?

12 Write a letter.
Pretend that you are Susanna and write a letter to Charlie. Tell him how you feel about what he has done with Raymond and explain why you feel this way.

13 Discuss this question with another student.
What do you think?
Do you think it is right for Charlie to use Raymond to win money in Las Vegas? Why or why not?

14 Work in groups of four.
Role play the scene in which Dr Bruner and Dr Marston ask Raymond questions to show Charlie that he is still autistic.

After reading

15 In Chapter 9, Charlie says, ‘But I have helped Raymond more in one week than you have in twenty years.’ Do you agree with this statement? Write a paragraph to answer this question. Give reasons to support your opinion.

16 How has Charlie changed in the book? Write a paragraph to answer this question. Give examples to support your answer.
Chapters 1–3

1 Write the right names in the sentences.
   Charlie  Dr Bruner  Mr Mooney
   Raymond  Sanford  Susanna
   a …………. can’t feel love.
   b …………. is a lawyer.
   c …………. goes to the funeral with Charlie.
   d …………. was disappointed in Charlie.
   e …………. won’t give Charlie the money.
   f …………. has a business in Los Angeles.

2 Write in, on or at in the sentences a–j.
   a Charlie gets a call ……. his car phone.
   b The funeral is ……. Sunday ……. Cincinnati.
   c All the houses ……. Walnut Hills are big and expensive.
   d Charlie finds an old coat ……. a box ……. the corner of the room.
   e Charlie looks carefully ……. the little coat.
   f Charlie and Mr Mooney meet ……. the dining-room.
   g Mr Mooney puts ……. his glasses.
   h Charlie hears his father’s voice ……. the letter.
   i Raymond writes things ……. his notebook.
   j Raymond has no expression ……. his face.

Chapters 4–6

   a Charlie talks to Dr Bruner on the telephone. ☐
   b Charlie takes Raymond away from Wallbrook. ☐
   c Raymond follows Charlie out of the airport. ☐
   d Raymond eats pizza in the hotel room. ☐
   e Charlie, Susanna and Raymond go to a hotel in Cincinnati. ☐
   f Charlie calls his office from the airport. ☐
   g Charlie learns about autism from Dr Bruner. ☐
   h Susanna leaves Charlie because she is angry with him. ☐

4 Choose 1 or 2 to complete the sentences.
   a Raymond knows Sally Dibbs’ telephone number because …
      1 it is on the front of her dress.
      2 he read the telephone book.

   b Raymond knows the number of toothpicks on the floor because he …
      1 picked them up and counted them.
      2 looked at them and knew the right number.
   c Raymond doesn’t like the plane because …
      1 he knows about another plane that crashed.
      2 it is too small.
   d Charlie needs to return to his office …
      1 because Dr Bruner wants him to go there.
      2 so that he can fix his problems.
   e Charlie tells Dr Bruner that he will bring Raymond back …
      1 after he gets his money.
      2 right away.

Chapters 7–9

5 Underline the wrong word in each sentence and write the right word.
   a Charlie hated it when Raymond sang to him. ……..
   b Raymond begins to laugh when Charlie turns on the water. ……..
   c Susanna asks Charlie to give her some money. ……..
   d Charlie asks Raymond if he has ever played baseball. ……..
   e Charlie and Raymond go to Las Angeles to play cards. ……..
   f Raymond is a very bad driver. ……..

6 Who says the sentences a–h?
   a ‘Raymond will see a special doctor on Friday.’ ……..
   b ‘I want my brother.’ ……..
   c ‘They can look after him there.’ ……..
   d ‘Tell me what you did.’ ……..
   e ‘I want to go back to Wallbrook.’ ……..
   f ‘You’re upsetting him.’ ……..
   g ‘Can I visit him?’ ……..
   h ‘Are you all right, son?’ ……..