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Close-Reading Questions

"The Perfects"

1. What does it mean for an object to "have character" (figurative language, page 23)

2. Describe the shift in time that has taken place. (text structure, page 23)

3. How does the weather contribute to the mood of this section? (setting, page 23)

4. These lines describe an imaginary family called the Perfects. But what do they *really* describe? (inference, page 25)
5. Why might Lindy share a dinosaur fact at this moment? (character, page 25)
6. Why is Mom's smile "the realest one" Max has ever seen? (character, page 25)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

"The Perfects"

1. Do you think that Max's mom makes a good choice at the end of the story when she decides to video chat with Max's dad from the bathroom? Why or why not?
2. In what way is Max's life changing or about to change? Do you think these changes will be challenging?

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Close-Reading Question

"My Life As a Military Kid"

1. According to "My Life As a Military Kid," what are some of the challenges of having a parent in the military? What are some of the rewards? (key ideas and details)

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Critical-Thinking Question

"My Life As a Military Kid"

1. How can kids help kids with a parent in the military cope with some of the challenges they face?