

QUESTIONS ABOUT
SUCH A FUN AGE by Kiley Reid
Part 2

What happens when a wealthy, sophisticated New Yorker hires a middle-class black woman as babysitter and discovers the babysitter now dates the New Yorker's old high school flame? Questions run from Chapter 8 (page 97) to the end of Chapter 20 (page 209).

Chapter Eight

1. Alex and her three New York friends Tamra, Jodi, and Rachel gather in Rachel's back yard. What proposal does Tamra make? Would you enjoy this activity?
2. What was Alix's name when she was in high school?
3. What happened after the death of Alex's grandparents? Was the family happier?
4. What happened to the important letter Alex wrote to Kelley? Who was Robbie?
5. When Robbie and his friends showed up at Alex's date with Kelley, she phoned the police. What happened next?
6. When the letter became public, Alex and Kelley each blamed the other, destroying their relationship. Whose fault do you believe it was?

Chapter Nine

7. Who is Spoons? What happens to him?
8. What does Alix ask Emira to do? Does Alix believe this will upset Emira? Does it?
9. Alix is very concerned that her babysitter might quit. Why?
10. What has happened in Shaunie's life? Is Emira happy for her?

Chapter Ten

11. Does Emira enjoy babysitting Briar? Does Emira find babysitting a fulfilling job?
12. Why is Emira upset with Alix (whom Emira always calls Mrs. Chamberlain)?

Chapter Eleven

13. How do Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday? With whom will Alix and her family celebrate this holiday?
14. What is the weather on Thanksgiving day? Why is this a problem for Emira?
15. Emira accepts an invitation from Alix to come to Thanksgiving dinner. Whom will she bring? Do you think this will be a problem?

Chapter Twelve

16. How do Alix and Kelley react when they meet?

Chapter Thirteen

17. Why does Alix decorate her home so elaborately?
18. What do Alix and her friends decide in their conference in Alix's closet?
19. At the bottom of page 158 it is taken for granted that couples "going together" have sex. Such an attitude would have been unthinkable not too many years ago. Do you find this change in attitude to be positive or negative? Why?

Chapter Fourteen

20. What text does Kelley send Emira?

Chapter Fifteen

21. Grace is how Christians give thanks for their food at the beginning of each meal. What clues are there that these families do not normally say grace?
22. At the top of page 171 we find that Alix feels Emira has betrayed her. What are two reasons? Is Alix justified?

Chapter Sixteen

23. Briar throws up in this chapter. What clues are we given that she doesn't feel well?

Chapter Seventeen

24. What kind of person does Kelley say Alix is? What does Kelley want Emira to do? Is Emira comfortable with this suggestion?
25. Why is it important to Kelley whether Emira wears a uniform or not?
26. Explain why Emira does not approve of Kelley bussing his own dishes.
27. Does Emira believe she has a future with Kelley? Explain.

Chapter Nineteen

28. Alix searches the internet for information about Kelley. What does she learn?
29. Tamra believes Alix is not as happy as she was in New York. What does she propose?

Chapter Twenty

30. What do Emira and Briar do each day of the five days they spend together?
31. Explain how being a babysitter makes Emira feel.