

Chekhov's Gun

Part A

Watch the Chekhov's Gun PowerPoint.

Now you know what a Chekhov's gun is, can you find one on these pages and explain what incident they refer to later in the story? Complete the table:

Page	Chekhov's gun	Incident later
207	<i>The children's parents are mentioned.</i>	<i>Dad mentions that Miranda's parents are divorced, which is one of the reasons why Miranda wants to be friends with Via again.</i>
211		<i>He hears Mom and Via's argument, which he couldn't have done without it.</i>
217		
228		
229		<i>Miranda is upset because her parents have just got divorced.</i>
229		<i>August likes the play because it makes him feel grown up.</i>
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240	<i>Miranda tells us that her boyfriend's not the most sympathetic person in the world.</i>	

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Part B

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Now you know what a Chekhov's gun is, can you find examples of Chekhov's Gun in the pages of Wonder you have read so far? Remember, you're looking for small details that help to make sense of things that happen later. They help the reader to be clear on what's going on – they've been given a little clue before something significant happens. One example has been done for you, can you find more throughout the book?

Chekhov's gun	Incident later
<i>On p. 240, Miranda tells us that her boyfriend's not the most sympathetic person in the world.</i>	<i>On p. 243, Zack doesn't show up to watch her performance. We already know that Zack is a self-centred character because of his attitude when he's first mentioned on p. 240.</i>

