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#### Punctuation and Grammar

- **Challenge!** Children write an imagined conversation taking place on another table in the lunch room, including a range of sentence types with speech, action and description.

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## Comprehension

- Reread p. 54-56. Using the Comparing Mom, Dad and August Sheet, they compare August and his mum's reactions to his first day at school. Others read p. 57-60 and compare his mum and dad's reactions.
- Refer to p. 37-42 and compare Mr Browne & Mrs Petosa's characters, using evidence from the text.
- Challenge! Watch one of the Augie Doggie and Doggie Daddy Episodes. Explore how this cartoon and the characters are used by August and his Dad in their relationship.

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## Vocabulary

- Using the US Vocabulary Sheet, match up US vocabulary with definitions and play the matching pairs card game, create short fact files for either 5 states of the USA (with interesting names) or 5 minor characters from Star Wars.
- Challenge! Research and create a glossary for typical American foods.



# **Comparing Teachers**

- Reread p. 45-48. Complete a table of evidence and inferred character of Mr Browne on the Comparing Teachers Activity Sheet.
- Refer to p. 37-42 and compare Mr Browne & Mrs Petosa's characters, using evidence from the text.
- Challenge! Write two separate classroom scenes with contrasting teachers, where their actions clearly illustrate the character traits you have decided on beforehand.



## **Precepts**

- Reread p. 65. Choose a 'precept' from a range of choice cards from the Precepts Activity Sheet and write a postcard to your teacher about what it means and/or how you feel about it.
- **Challenge!** Write about how you felt prior to the event and how you felt afterwards. Compare the two feelings and write what you can learn from that experience.

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## **Comparing Scenes**

- Reread p. 61-63. Compare the events and atmosphere
  of the two chapters, September and Jack Will. Talk
  to a partner about the difference between the two
  chapters in terms of how August feels and how they
  might feel.
- **Challenge!** Draft and rehearse a two-minute speech that explores the differences between the chapters, *September and Jack Will.* Be prepared to give the speech to a group, if your teacher asks you!

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## Reading Task

Read pages 43-65.



