Who wrote *Notes From a Liar and Her Dog*?
Gennifer Choldenko

Who is Ant’s best friend?
Harrison Emerson (p. 1)

What is Harrison’s favorite recess activity?
Drawing (p. 1)

What is Ant’s last name?
MacPherson (p. 1)

What does Harrison like to draw pictures of?
Chickens (pg. 1)

Who is *Cave Man*, and why is he called this?
Mr. Lewis, Antonia and Harrison’s teacher. He’s hairy like a monkey, hence his name, pg. 2

Who is Ant’s Assistant Principal?
Mr. Borgdorf (p. 2)

What does Mr. Borgdorf love and have hanging all over the walls of his office?
Rules (pg. 2)

What have the students nicknamed Ant’s teacher, Mr. Lewis?
*Cave Man* (p. 2)

How does Ant’s mom feel about Harrison?
She does not like him (p.3)

Who is Just Carol?
Ant’s art teacher (p. 3)

On the way to the office, in the beginning of the story, Antonia and Harrison stop to get a drink at the drinking fountain. What does Antonia say the water tastes like?
Pennies (pg. 2)

List 3 reasons why Ant’s mom doesn’t like Harrison (pg. 3)
1. He eats with his mouth open
2. He’s always scratching at something
3. He walks his pet chicken on a leash

What is “Just Carol’s” last name?
Whose picture does Harrison have thumbtacked over his bed?
Just Carol’s (pg. 3)

Why does Ant call her art teacher “Just Carol”?
Because she tells the kids to “just call me Carol,” not Ms. or Miss or anything (p. 3)

Who is in the Assistant Principal’s office when Ant and Harrison first go there in the beginning of the book?
Mr. Borgdorf (Asst. Principal), Just Carol, Ant’s mom (p. 3)

What is Antonia’s nickname?
Ant, pg. 3

Why doesn’t Antonia’s mom like Harrison?
He eats with his mouth open, walks his pet chicken on a leash, and he is always scratching at something, pg. 3

Why is Antonia called to the office at the beginning of the book?
Because she falsely claims she is adopted and Just Carol is worried about her, pg. 4

Why is Ant’s mom called in to school at the beginning of the book?
The assistant principal called a meeting because Ant has been telling people that she is adopted (p. 4)

Who goes with Antonia down to the office in the beginning of the story?
Her best friend Harrison Emerson (pg. 4)

Name 3 people that are waiting to talk to Antonia down in the office (pg. 4)
  1. Just Carol
  2. Mr. Borgdorf
  3. Antonia’s mom

Why does Antonia think she is adopted?
Because she doesn’t look like her sisters, or act like them, and wasn’t named after a queen of England like them (p. 5)

Who is Antonia named after?
Her uncle, Anthony, pg. 5

List 2 reasons why Antonia thinks she’s adopted (pg. 5)
  1. She doesn’t look or act like her sisters
  2. She’s not named after a queen of England
Who is Antonia named after? Who are her sisters named after?
Antonia – uncle Anthony, sisters – queens of England (p. 5)

What does Ant call her sisters?
Your Highness Elizabeth, Katherine the Great (pg. 5)

What is Ant’s dog’s name?
Pistachio (p. 6)

What fable does the Assistant Principal compare to Antonia’s behavior when she’s in his office at the beginning of the book?
The Boy Who Cried Wolf (p. 7)

What are the ages of Ant and her sisters?
Kate – third grade (p. 9), Elizabeth – one year older than Ant (p. 67)

What mistake did Ant say the Boy Who Cried Wolf make?
“He shouldn’t have expected anyone to help in the first place. He should have handled the wolf by himself.” (pg. 8)

How does Ant look different than her sisters and mother?
They have blond curly hair, freckles; she has straight dark hair and darker colored skin (p. 9)

Ant’s father calls her mom and sisters “three peas in a pod.” What does he call Ant?
Brown acorn (p. 9)

Describe what Kate, Ant’s youngest sister, looks like. Describe what Ant looks like.
Kate is small with blond curly hair and freckles. Ant has straight, dark brown hair and has tanner skin than her sister, pg. 9

Is Antonia the first, middle, or last child in her family?
Middle child, pg.9

What name does Ant usually call her sister, Elizabeth?
Her Highness, pg. 9

What grade is Ant’s little sister, Kate, in?
Third (pg. 9)

What does Ant think Kate is going to be when she grows up?
A bill collector (pg. 10)

Why does Kate keep money in her shoe?
Because it is the only safe place. No one would think to look there. (pg. 10)
Where does Kate keep her money?
In her shoe, pg. 10

Where does Kate like to keep her money?
In her shoe (p. 10)

What do Ant’s parents do for a living?
Mom – bookkeeper for interior designers, Dad – insurance (p. 10)

What is Ant’s full name?
Antonia Jane MacPherson, pg. 11

What is the secret sign Ant and Harrison use and what does it mean?
Tugging on the ear twice means to go around the back way, pg. 11

Ant and Harrison have a secret sign in which she pulls on her ear twice. What does this mean?
Go around the back way (Harrison climbs the trellis in the backyard up to Ant’s room) (p. 11)

What does Harrison smell like, according to Elizabeth?
Salami sandwich (p. 12)

What kind of room was Ant’s bedroom originally?
A laundry room (p.13)

What does Ant say the reason is that Elizabeth didn’t want to room with her?
Elizabeth was afraid she would get lice. (pg. 13)

What does Ant's mom threaten to do if she goes outside after being grounded for telling Just Carol she is adopted?
Make Pistachio sleep outside. (pg. 14)

How many times has Ant moved in her life?
13 (p. 15)

What is the name of the city in which Ant’s family lives?
Sarah’s Road (p. 15)

What town does Antonia live in and what street does she live on?
Sarah’s Road and Sarah’s Road (pg. 15)

In what subject does Harrison get an A+ on his report card?
Art, pg. 16
Who gets better grades in school, Ant or Harrison?
Ant (p. 16)

Antonia has two books she wants to give her “real parents”. Where does she keep them?
In a hole in the lining of her raincoat (pg. 18)

Where does Harrison’s father work?
He owns a bakery (pg. 19)

What is the nickname Ant calls Pistachio and how much does he weigh?
Tashi; 6 pounds, pg. 17, 19

What do Harrison’s father and mother do for a living?
Mr. Emerson owns a bakery. Mrs. Emerson died when Harrison was four but she was an artist, pg. 20

Why does Ant have trouble lying to Mr. Emerson?
No matter what he always believes her (p.21)

Why has Ant’s mother forbidden her to go to Harrison’s house?
She saw that he has a chicken that is allowed in the house/chicken droppings (p. 21)

What are Your Highness Elizabeth and Kate wearing when their father returns home from Atlanta at the beginning of Notes from a Liar and Her Dog?
“matching tutus with sparkles glued to the bushy ends and sequined tiaras.” (pg. 23)

In what city was Ant’s father in as the story started?
Atlanta (p. 23)

What do Ant’s mom and sisters plan to do when their dad arrives home from Atlanta after six weeks away?
They plan to perform a ballet show, pg. 23

What hobby do Elizabeth and Kate share?
Ballet (p. 24)

What is the name of Elizabeth and Kate’s dance teacher?
Miss Marion Margo (pg. 24)

What are Ant’s parents’ names?
Don and Evelyn MacPherson, pg. 26

What are Ant’s mother and father’s first names?
Evelyn and Don (p. 26)
How does Ant's father always park his car?
Half in and half out of the garage. (pg. 27)

When Mr. MacPherson came home from a business trip, Antonia was keeping track of how long it took him to ask about her. How long did it take?
11 minutes 33 seconds (pg. 28)

What food does Ant’s mother make that Ant loves?
Lasagna (p.29)

What says to Ant: “Ants ruin a picnic, Antonia.”?
Her dad (p. 30)

Who gave Pistachio to the family?
Irene – a co-worker of Mr. MacPherson’s (pg. 32)

How does Ant get away with not paying for the vet?
She mixes up the numbers on the forms (p. 33)

What TV show do Ant’s mom and sister Elizabeth like to watch together?
Antiques Roadshow (p. 33)

What does Ant's mom tell her would happen if she did the laundry in return for taking Pistachio to the vet?
Their clothes would turn blue. (pg. 35)

What grade is Ant in?
Sixth (pg. 43)

Why does Ant not like peacocks?
They remind Ant of Your Highness Elizabeth – pretty and always showing off. (pg. 43)

Where did Ant's family live before Sarah's Road?
Las Vegas (pg. 44)

On Ant's first day of school she in Sarah's Road she is asked to read from Harrison's text book. Why was she unable to read from the assigned page? What did she tell the teacher was the reason?
The page had been replaced with pictures of chickens. (pg. 44)
She told the teacher she forgot her glasses. (pg. 44)

Where did Ant’s family live before they moved to Sarah’s Road?
Las Vegas (p. 44)
What was unusual about Harrison’s math book?
He had taken out a chunk of pages and replaced them with his chicken drawings (p. 44)

From what city did Ant move to Sarah Road?
Las Vegas, pg. 44

How did Ant and Harrison become friends?
Ant sat in his seat at school when he was sick and covered for him (he ripped out pages in his Math book and Ant said she forgot her glasses so she couldn’t read the pages), pg. 44

What do Zoo Teens do?
They help the zookeepers take care of the zoo animals, pg. 46

What program involving animals does Just Carol get Ant and Harrison involved in?
Zoo Teens (p. 46)

What day of the week do Zoo Teens help at the zoo?
Saturdays (p. 46)

How does Ant feel after she agrees to join Just Carol for the Zoo Teens program?
Angry – She feels like she's been bought off. (pg. 47)

Why is Antonia hesitant to join Zoo Teens?
Because she feels like the animals are mistreated (“in jail”). (pg. 47)

What does Just Carol say “enrichment” is for the animals at the zoo?
It’s making their lives more fun so they’re happier in confinement (p. 47)

Why does Ant wear a jacket to the zoo?
Because it has pockets to keep Pistachio in (p. 48)

Why was Ant surprised when Just Carol came to pick her up in a sports car?
She thought teachers should drive station wagons, minivans or buses. (pg. 48)

Where does Ant hide Pistachio during their first trip to the zoo?
Her jacket pocket. (pg. 48)

Why does Ant take Pistachio to the zoo with her?
She’s supposed to be giving him pills three times a day and she’s worried she’ll miss a pill if she’s gone at the zoo all day, and she hates leaving him when he’s sick (p. 49)

Why does Just Carol say Ant reminds her of herself when she was younger?
She never used to trust anyone as a kid either (p. 51)

Why does Just Carol tell Ant that she is taking them to the Zoo Teens? Because she is fond of Harrison and Ant reminds her of herself. (pg. 50)

Had Ant ever been to the zoo before? No (pg. 51)

Why did Mary-Judy agree to let Ant and Harrison help at the zoo? Just Carol convinced her that they were two really nice kids, extra conscientious and good at following rules.

What color is the zoo uniform? Khaki (p. 52)

Who is the zoo staff member that Ant and Harrison work with at the zoo? Mary-Judy (p. 52)

What do Harrison and Antonia have to step in before entering the Lion’s cage? Bleach (pg. 55)

What does Harrison press into Ant’s hand at the zoo? A Milk Bone (pg. 55)

How many lions are kept at the zoo? 4 – 3 female and 1 male. (pg. 56)

Why did Harrison and Antonia have to change their clothes at the zoo? Because the Lion peed on them (pg. 57)

What is the name of the lion that sprays Ant? Why did he do it? Junior (pg. 57) To mark his territory, because of the scent (perfume) Ant was wearing. (pg. 58)

What are some of the foods the lions eat when Harrison and Ant are at the zoo? Rats, fruit, worms, pg. 59

What is the name of the zoo that Just Carol takes Ant to? Ziffman Park Zoo (pg. 60)

What is the name of the giraffe Harrison likes to take care of? Kigali (pg. 61)

How is Kigali different from other giraffes in the zoo? She’s old and blind in one eye?
What animal exhibits do Ant and Harrison get to visit during their times helping at the zoo? Lions (p. 56), giraffes (p. 61), aviary (p. 180), tigers (p. 181)

At the first day of zoo Ant learns the names of some of the animals – name 3 of the animals.
Peggy – female lion (pg. 57)  
Junior – male lion (pg. 57)  
Kigali – Giraffe (pg. 61)  

How does Ant describe Kigali’s horns?  
They are like big brown Q-tips. (pg. 62)  

Who is Kigali?  
An old giraffe that the kids get to feed (p. 62)  

What is the name of the giraffe with the blind eye that Harrison and Ant feed? Kigali, pg. 62  

What does Ant say to convince Just Carol to let Harrison stay on the feeding platform with her when it is her turn to feed Kigali?  
She says Kigali trusts him and she won't come over unless he is up there. (pg. 63)  

After feeding Kigali, Ant and Harrison have to split up, what does Ant get to do?  
She gets to clean the lion cages (pg. 65)  

Why does Ant say she likes working with Just Carol while they are cleaning the lion cages on the first day at the zoo?  
Just Carol treats her like a person, not just a kid (pg. 66)  

Who does Ant’s mother think Ant looks like?  
Her aunt (p. 67)  

Why does Just Carol volunteer at the zoo?  
It puts her in a good mood, puts things in perspective, and reminds her of being a kid and wanting to be a vet (p. 69)  

The lions at the zoo take pills in their meat to prevent what illness?  
Leptospirosis, pg. 69  

How does Mary-Judy feed the meat Just Carol and Ant prepare to the lions?  
She feeds them to the lions on a long shish-kebab stick. (pg. 69)  

Why does Just Carol say she works at the Zoo on Saturdays?  
It puts her in a good mood and reminds her of when she wanted to be a vet. (pg. 69)
Why didn't Just Carol become a vet?
The science was too hard. (pg. 69)

What is Cave Man's real name?
Sam Lewis (pg. 70)

Why didn't Just Carol become a vet?
Because she isn’t good at science, pg. 71

Why does Ant leave Pistaschio near the lion cages on the first trip to the zoo?
Just Carol came to get her for lunch and she didn't want her to know he was there. (pg. 72-74)

In what animal exhibit does Pistachio get stuck inside?
Lions (p. 74)

What does Just Carol say when asked about all the noise at the lion's cages during lunch?
One of the lions (Peggy) had chased a squirrel up a tree. (pg. 77)

Why does Just Carol take Ant and Harrison home early from volunteering at the zoo?
Just Carol finds out Ant brought Pistachio to the zoo when he crawls into the lion cage and almost gets eaten by the lioness, pg. 78

List 5 reasons Just Carol was so angry Antonia took her dog to the zoo?
1. Antonia's arm could’ve been chewed off by the lions
2. Pistachio could’ve been killed
3. Just Carol could’ve gotten in trouble
4. Mary-Judy could also have gotten in trouble
5. She screwed up the day for Harrison

What kind of oath does Ant say vets take which says they will do their best to look after animals that need them?
Hippopotamus oath (p. 83)

What color is the meat dish that Ant’s mom serves the family as a special dinner for their dad?
Orange (day-glo) (p. 85)

What does Ant tell her family she has a job?
At the zoo (p. 89)

What does Ant say she wants to be when she grows up (which turns out to be a “green lie”)?
A zookeeper, pg. 89
How much does Ant says she gets paid for working at the zoo? How much does she actually get paid?
$5.00, nothing (p. 90)

In a letter to her “real” mother, Ant describes a kind of lie that you have to tell to keep safe. What does Ant call this kind of lie? Little green lies (p. 91)

Ant calls her lie about getting paid to work at the zoo a little green lie – what is a little green lie? The kind you have to tell to keep safe. (pg. 91)

Who said, “You can't go around telling the truth all the time. You have to be careful with it. You can't waste the truth on people who won't understand.”
Ant. (pg. 92)

Who does Elizabeth call when she tells Ant she needs to call someone important? Their dad (p. 95)

What did the postcard say that Mrs. MacPherson got from Antonia’s school? Antonia was invited to attend the District 2 Math-a-thon (pg. 97)

Why was Mrs. MacPherson surprised when Antonia was asked to attend the Math-a-thon? Because her last report card said she had a D in math (or the answer could just be that she lied about her report card and it looked like she was failing math (pg. 97)

How many students from Ant’s school were invited to attend the Math-a-thon? 6 (pg. 97)

Why don’t Ant’s parents go to the Math-a-thon and where do they go instead? Because she told them parents aren’t invited so they go to Elizabeth’s dress rehearsal (pg. 97)

What level math did Mr. Lewis think Ant was testing at? 10th or 11th grade level (pg. 97)

What does Ant do after talking about the Math-a-thon with her mother? She goes back downstairs to get the postcard for her real parents’ book. (pg. 98)

What does Ant tell her mother so that she lets her go to Harrison’s house? That she has to for school, because a teacher is mad at her (the truth) (p. 100)

What other event is going on at the same time as Ant’s Math-a-thon? Elizabeth’s dance dress rehearsal, pg. 102

What does Ant tell her mother so that she won’t come to her Math-a-thon?
That there is not enough room for the parents (they switched from the gym to the library) (p. 103)

What does the outside of Emerson’s house look like?
A farmhouse/barn (p. 105)

What is one of the few furniture items the Harrison’s have in their home?
Bean bag chairs (p. 105)

What does Ant love best about Harrison’s house?
You can make a mess there (pg. 105)

What two things does Ant love about Harrison’s house? (pg. 105)
1. You can make a mess there
2. It’s far enough from Sarah’s Road that you don’t hear any car noises

What type of pie (humble pie) does Mr. Emerson make for Just Carol?
French Apple (pg. 106)

Why does Harrison insist that Ant come to his house early one morning?
So they can work on an apology to Just Carol so she will let them volunteer at the zoo again, pg. 106

What animal does Harrison draw on the apology card he and Ant make for Just Carol?
A giraffe (p. 108)

What does Harrison’s dad say a “mistake pie” is called?
Humble Pie (pg. 109)

What do Ant and Harrison give Just Carol for Ant's apology?
A card (Harrison drew and Ant wrote in) and a pie (French Apple). (pg. 109-111)

What food do Ant and Harrison give to Just Carol to apologize to her?
French apple pie (p. 111)

What does Just Carol make Ant promise to do before she can come back to the Zoo?
Never lie to Just Carol again and straighten out the vet problem. (pg. 114-115)

When Ant calls her father’s work in hopes he can talk to Just Carol instead of her mother, what does she discover?
He no longer works there (p. 119)

What is the name of the insurance company Mr. MacPherson worked for?
Leebson Insurance (pg. 119)

What is the one thing Ant and Elizabeth agree on?
They both hate to move (p. 120)

Where did Mr. MacPherson go after leaving his job in Atlanta?
Philadelphia, to visit Uncle Anthony (pg. 121)

When is the only time Kate gets mad at Mrs. MacPherson?
When she makes her turn off the TV (p. 122)

Why does Just Carol come to Ant’s house?
To talk about the unpaid vet bill for Tashi and what will happen in the future concerning Tashi going to the vet, pg. 123-4

What does Just Carol make Ant admit to her mother?
That she went to the vet without paying (p. 124)

What is Mrs. MacPherson’s reaction to Just Carol’s suggestions for the vet situation?
She is angry and thinks Just Carol is insinuating that she is a bad mother (p. 125)

When Mrs. MacPherson asks Just Carol why she’s sticking her neck out for Ant, what does Just Carol say?
“Because I like her.” (p. 126)

In what state does Ant’s family currently live?
California (p. 130)

Which daughter did Mrs. MacPherson look like when she was younger?
Ant (p. 134)

What does Ant have to do to work off the money she owed the vet?
Clean kennels (p. 136)

What does Ant do with the purple pamphlets at the vets and why?
She throws them in the trash because they contain information on euthanizing your pet. (pg.137)

What is one of the reasons Ant says she likes math?
A right answer is a right answer no matter who grades your work. (pg. 140)

Why is Harrison worried about Antonia going to the Math-a-thon?
He thinks she won’t be his friend anymore and she won’t want to go to the zoo on Saturdays (pg. 142)
Why does Antonia lie to her mom about how she is getting to her Math-a-thon? Because she wants her dad to take her (pg. 143)

Who does Ant tell her mom is taking her to the Math-a-thon? Who does she hope actually takes her? Just Carol, her father (p. 144)

Who left a card and a rose leaning against Mrs. MacPherson’s jewelry box? Elizabeth (pg. 145)

What does Mr. MacPherson think is happening at the school when he sees all the traffic? A soccer game (pg. 147)

Why is Ant unable to ride Elizabeth's bike to the Math-a-thon? It has a flat tire and the chain slipped off the gears. (pg. 147)

Six students from Ant's class are in the Math-a-thon as well. Name two other than Ant. Joyce Ann Jensen, Alexandra Duncan, Keegan, Madison. (pg. 149)

What is a Math-a-thon? Students figure out problems before the buzzer sounds. If they get the correct answer they go on to the next round, pg. 149

What color was the dress the “answer lady” was wearing at the Math-a-thon? Blue (pg. 150)

Before the Math-a-thon begins, Ant gets up to leave. Why does she stop and sit back down? She sees Just Carol. (pg. 150)

When the “answer lady” announces that Ant won the Math-a-thon, she cannot read her name on the paper. What name does the “answer lady” announce? Ann Mac-Fur-son (pg. 152)

Who are the two Math-a-thon runners-up and which schools are they from? Joyce Ann Jensen – Sarah’s Road School, Jasper Schwartz – Laredo Middle School (pg. 152)

Who is at the Math-a-thon to cheer Ant on? Harrison, Just Carol, Cave Man (her math teacher) (p. 153)

What does Ant win for first place at the Math-a-thon? A trophy, certificate for a free ice cream sundae (p. 153)

Why does Harrison come on stage after the Math-a-thon?
To correct the “answer lady” when she mispronounces Ant’s name. (pg. 153)

What does Just Carol do to celebrate Ant’s victory?
She takes Ant & Harrison out to lunch. (pg. 154)

What does Ant eat at McDonalds after the Math-a-thon?
Only french fries. (pg. 154)

Where to Just Carol, Ant and Harrison go to eat to celebrate Ant’s Math-a-thon win?
McDonalds (p. 154)

Where do the MacPherson’s go to dinner when Mr. MacPherson gets home from New York?
Chevy’s (p. 154)

What part does Elizabeth have in The Nutcracker?
She is Clara, pg. 156

Where does Ant’s dad interview for a job?
In New York, pg. 157

What does Elizabeth do after finding out where their dad's new job is located?
She asks for the car keys and leaves the restaurant to sit the car. (pg. 159)

In what state is the new job that Mr. MacPherson is offered?
Connecticut (p. 160)

What does Elizabeth do when her father tells her he is taking a new job in Connecticut?
Leaves the restaurant (p. 160)
Who does Elizabeth say she is going to stay with if the family moves?
Miss Marion Margo, her dance teacher (p. 162)

Before Elizabeth tells Ant she will be staying with Miss Marion Margo instead of moving, what does she make Ant do?
Promise on Pistachio’s life. (pg. 162)

What does Ant tell Elizabeth after she tells Ant she will be staying with Miss Marion Margo?
Her real parents are coming the next day at 10 am to pick her up. (pg. 163)

Near the end, Ant is sitting on her front porch waiting for her “real parents”. She has a backpack full of stuff. Name 3 things in Ant’s backpack: (pg. 165)

1. Her orange jumper
2. Plaid pants
3. Green toothbrush
4. Glass deer babies  
5. Food for Pistachio  
6. Leash and chew toy for Pistachio  
7. Her jacket (pg. 166)

What sport does Mr. MacPherson like to play?  
Golf (p. 167)

What is Ant's dad doing while she waits for her real parents?  
Practicing his golf swing. (pg. 167)

What does Ant's mother call Just Carol?  
That teacher. (pg. 171)

Why does Ant decide to bring Pistachio to the zoo a second time when she knows she's not supposed to?  
She is afraid to leave him alone with her mother because she may euthanize him (p. 175)

Ant brings Pistachio to the zoo twice. Where does she hide him?  
In her jacket pocket, and in a book bag (p. 48, 175)

Where does Ant hide Pistachio during his second trip to the zoo?  
In her lunch bag. (pg. 175)

When Ant decides to hide Pistachio in her book bag, where does she put her lunch?  
She tapes it to her belly (p. 176)

Why doesn’t Harrison come to the zoo when Ant brings Pistachio in her book bag?  
He has the flu (p. 176)

What is Just Carol’s plan to deal with Pistachio at the zoo when Ant tells her she’s brought him again?  
Tie him up to a tree with a bowl of water (p. 178)

After finding the purple paper in her house, what is Ant afraid her mother will do?  
She is afraid she is going to euthanize Tashi before they move to Connecticut, pg. 178

How does Carol react when Ant admits that she brought Pistachio to the zoo a second time?  
She is proud of her for telling the truth. (pg. 178)

What does Just Carol do with Tashi when she finds out Ant brought the dog to the zoo again?  
She ties the dog up and gives her a bowl of water to drink while Ant volunteers, pg. 178
How many animals does Mary-Judy have to take care of?
57 (pg. 180)

What do all of the zoo keepers carry?
3 keys and a radio (pg. 180)

How does Ant find out that Pistachio is loose in the zoo?
She hears another keeper asking about a brown dog over the radio. (pg. 181)

How is Ant able to get into the lion exhibit to save Pistachio?
Mary-Judy had given her an extra set of keys for the day. (pg. 186)

Where does Pistachio go when he escapes from his tied leash?
Ant finds him in the lion’s exhibit, pg. 186

Why does Ant say dogs are better than people?
They never chew you out or get disappointed in you. They understand everything. They are loyal no matter what. (pg. 190)

According to Just Carol, whose life does Ant value more than her own?
Pistachio’s, pg. 192

Elizabeth has a plan for her and Ant to convince their parents not to move. What is Ant supposed to say to their mom and what is Elizabeth supposed to say to their dad?
Ant – that she worked hard to turn over a new leaf and it would be ruined if they moved,
Elizabeth – that you can’t golf year-round in Connecticut (p. 198)

After Elizabeth tells Ant that their mom believes Ant has turned over a new leaf, what does she tell Ant to tell their mom to convince her to let them stay in Sarah’s Road?
That Ant will go back to her old ways in Connecticut. (p8. 198)

What does Ant make Elizabeth promise before she agrees to help her?
To help save Pistachio if their mom tries to take him. (pg. 202)

Where does Elizabeth make Ant talk to their mother about not moving?
The back yard (p. 203)

What plan does Elizabeth have to convince her mom the family shouldn’t move?
She wants Ant to dress up at a nicely decorated table with lemonade and convince her mom that she will turn bad again if they move, pg. 203

What food does Elizabeth set out for Antonia and her mom in the backyard?
Lemonade and rice cakes with jelly (pg. 204)
Why does Elizabeth want Ant to sit down before she goes to get their mom? Because she thinks Ant walks like a monkey and she doesn’t want their mom to see her walking. (pg. 204)

Why did Antonia’s mom say she got the purple pamphlet at the vet? Because she was concerned about Pistachio traveling to Connecticut (pg. 206)

How does Ant’s mom suggest they transport Pistachio to Connecticut? Fly him in a plane (p. 206)

Which of Ant’s features reminds her mom of herself when she was 11 years old? Her hair color and her nose, pg. 207

When Ant was in the preschool, according to her mom, what was the first thing she would do when someone did something she didn’t like? She would punch them, pg. 210

List of lies Antonia told in the book?
1. Lied about taking her dog to the vet
2. Lied to the vet about her address/phone
3. Lied about her report card
4. Lied about taking her dog to the zoo
5. Lied about getting paid at the zoo
6. Lied about parents being invited to Math-a-thon
7. Lied about who was giving her a ride to the Math-a-thon