



*Amir is mad. He's crazy. But the hospital wouldn't let a crazy person in. They must have interviewed him and checked his qualifications. But maybe he didn't even meet them? Maybe he hasn't even come from India. He might have arrived on an alien spaceship and snuck in here in the middle of the night.*

Eleven-year-old Joe can't remember a life outside of his hospital room, with its beeping machines and view of London's rooftops. His condition means he's not allowed outside, not even for a moment, and his few visitors risk bringing life-threatening germs inside his 'bubble'. But then someone new enters his world and changes it for ever.

1) Look at the front cover: make a prediction about the story by using the title and the images on the front of the book. **Your prediction should use evidence from the cover. Looks like there is a boy in hiding and he is special in some way ("superheroes"). There is a boy in a bubble (title and picture). He is in some kind of building, may be a hospital, a factory, etc. (3 marks)**

2) Read the blurb. What does Joe's condition mean he can't do? **He is not allowed to go outside and he is not allowed too many visitors because of the risk of infection.(2 mark)**

3) Why do you think that this book is titled, 'The Bubble Boy?' **The boy is living in a restricted area with hardly any contact with the outside world. It is like he is living in a bubble. (2 mark)**

4) How do you think Amir relates to this story? **He is an outsider who doesn't seem to have any contact with others so Amir is a bit like Joe and relate to the story. Joe's life is also strange and different as Amir appears to be. (2 mark)**