



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. **(3 marks)**

2) Read the blurb. What does Joe's condition mean he can't do? **(2 marks)**

3) Why do you think that this book is titled, 'The Bubble Boy?' **(2 mark)**

4) How do you think Amir relates to this story? **(2 mark)**