

I TALK LIKE A RIVER 1/2

A) FILL IN WITH THE MISSING INFORMATION

The book was written by:

...and it was illustrated by :

It was published in : (date)

...by Neal Porter Books, Holiday House



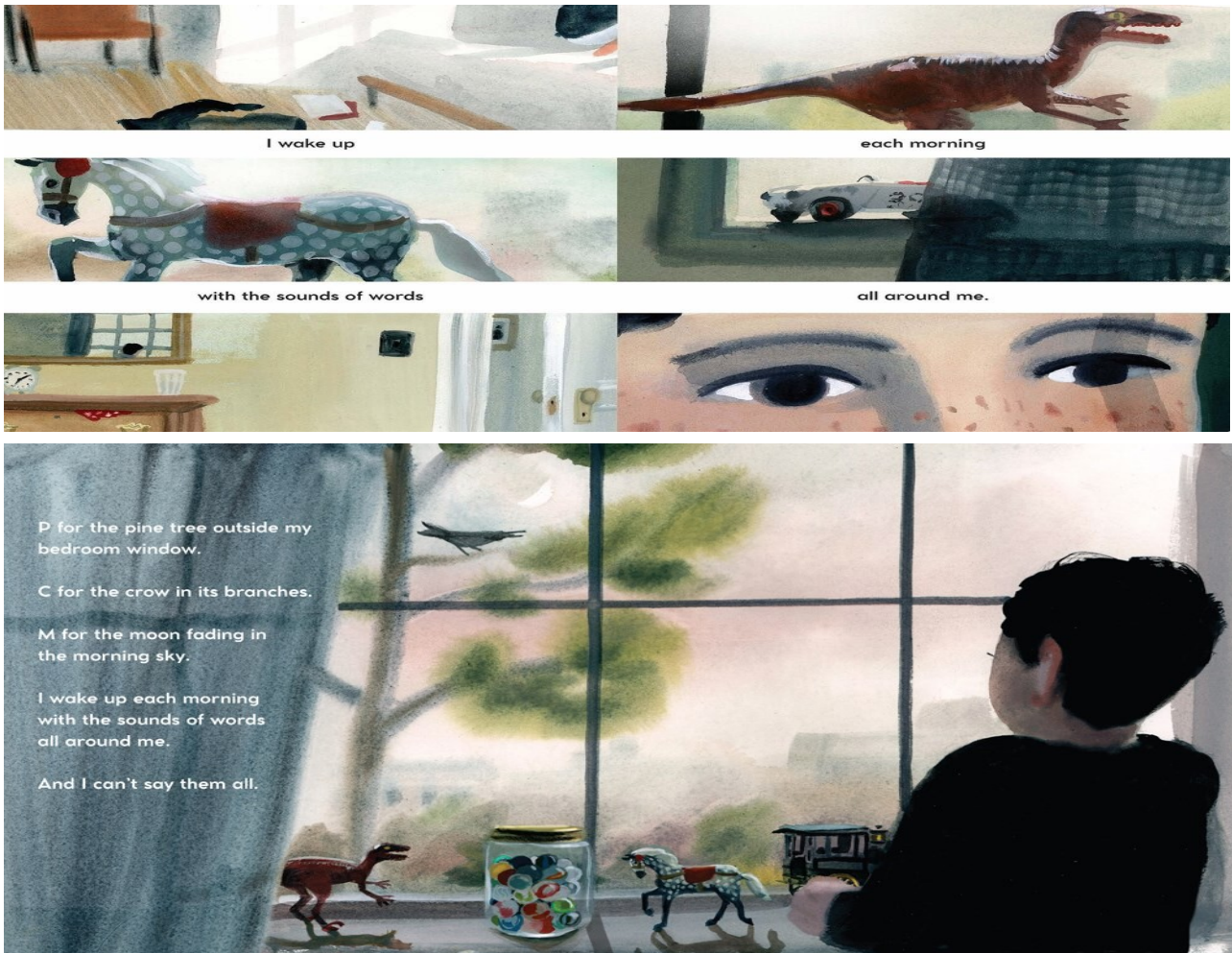
B) TAKE A LOOK AT THE COVER (EE)

a) Describe → what can you see :

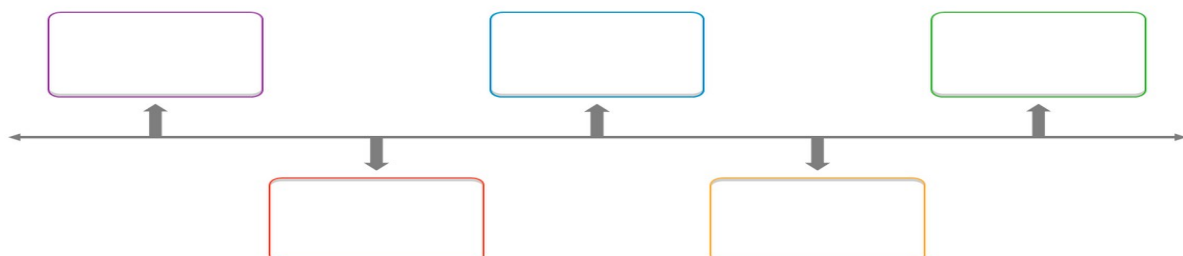
b) Imagine → According to you, what's the story about ? Explain the title.

C) LET'S OPEN THE BOOK: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6AvVSy_ing

Let's read / listen to the first pages. (CO)



Now, listen to the rest of the story and identify the different moments of the story (CE)



C) AN INTERVIEW (CO) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIaxeEUgNow>
PART 1 :



a) What is Jordan's job ?

b) Where is he ? Why does he like that spot (=place)?

c) Why did he write the book ?

d) How does he feel about his stutter ?

PART 2 :

a) What is Sydney's job ?

b) Why did he accept to work on the book ?

c) What did he like (=was he drawn to) when he first read the book ?

d) What does 'feeling at odds with your own self' mean ?

e) How was the experience for him ? (circle what you hear) :

powerful, sincere, hard, rewarding, easy, difficult, challenging, great

f) Is he happy with the result?

D) LET'S GO FURTHER :

What is 'stuttering'?

Stuttering is an interruption to the flow of speech. This can happen in different ways:

- Repeating sounds "c c c can I have a biscuit?"
- Repeating words "my my my name is John"
- Prolongations "sssocks and shoes"
- Blocks "w... what is that?"

A person who stutters may also look like they are tense and struggling to speak.



stuttering: What not to do or say

1. Do not finish sentences or fill in words.

2. Do not shift your eye contact or fidget.

3. Do not say "relax" or "slow down".

4. Do not speak deliberately slowly or too fast.

5. Do not show that you are impatient.

if you stutter ...

- Learn to control the fear that's associated with social speaking.
- Do breathing exercises.
- Join a support group.
- Develop a sense of humour about stuttering.



E) DISCUSSION TIME :

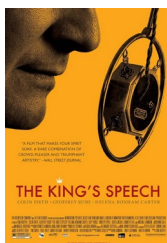
→ Who is Brayden Harrington ?



(identify the nature, source, important information)

→ What could we do to help people who stutter ?

GO FURTHER



EXPRESSION : Jordan is a poet. Poems are a powerful way to express feelings and opinions.

→ Here is another poem about feelings and natural elements.

If I was the sun

A) Match the sentences :

If I was the rain

I would carry you
Above the clouds

If I was the sky

I would shine my light
To light your world

If I was a river

I would rain down
love into your life

If I was a river

You would be my ocean
Every stream would lead
me to your arms

If I was the wind

I would be your
solid ground

And if I was the earth

I'll flow to you forever
Love would run forever
in this heart of mine

If I could

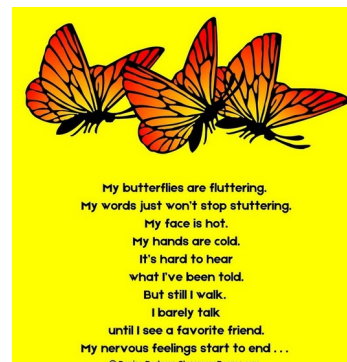
If I was a river

You would be my ocean
Every stream would lead
me to your arms

I'll be
All you ever would need
I would be your world
You're the only world
there is for me

I would wash your tears
away
I keep your world right
Be your light in the

B) Create a poem or a poster to promote the International Stuttering Awareness Day on October 22nd



Score

10 lines / A4 poster	Natural elements	Message	Total
/10	/5	/5	/20