1) What is a “miscalculation”?

2) Why is this book titled *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*?

3) What is OCD, or obsessive-compulsive disorder? (If you are not sure, ask an adult or google it.)

4) Why is it so hard for Lucy to make friends in the real world?

5) What is Lucy’s life like on-line? Does she have friends there?

6) Nana doesn’t tell the principal of the middle school that Lucy is a math genius, and her teachers don’t know, either. Would it have been a good idea to tell them before she started school? Were there good reasons not to tell them?

7) Nana wants Lucy to attend middle school instead of college so she can develop “soft skills.” What are “soft skills” and why are they important?

8) Do you think Levi and Windy have good “soft skills”? What do you think the three kids have in common?

9) Why does Windy reveal Lucy’s secret to the other girls at her birthday party?

10) Mr. Stoker, who has figured out that Lucy is a math prodigy, gives her a math problem he does not give the other students in the class. She tells him this isn’t fair. What does he mean when he says, “It’s certainly fair. It’s not equal”?

11) When they are planning their school service project, Lucy says Windy likes to “think big,” but that “I am her gravity.” What does she mean?

12) In what ways is the dog Cutie Pi important to Lucy’s growth?

13) What examples are there in the book of Lucy’s miscalculations?

14) Why do you think Lucy chooses not to open the letter from the special academy she had applied to?