

Counting by 7's



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Question Answer the book Counting by 7s, Willow says her parents drove 257 miles home from the hospital with her. Why did she choose 257 as the number of miles? $2 + 5 = 7$, it's a prime number, a super special number In the book Counting by 7s, what does Willow say are her 3 obsessions? the number 7, medical conditions and plants In the book Counting by 7's, aside from going to school and the public library, what is the only reason Willow regularly leaves the house? to observe sicknesses in the general population In the book Counting by 7s, where does the story take place? California In the book Counting by 7s, what is Willow's sanctuary? her garden In the book Counting by 7s, what was Willow's uniform? khaki shirt, red hat, tan pants, leather workboots In the novel Counting by 7s, what made Willow's middle school seem promising? It had a tree as a mascot In the novel Counting by 7s, due to her clothing, Willow determined a girl thought she was what? a maintenance worker In the novel Counting by 7s, how long did Willow last her first day of middle school? less than 3 hours In the novel Counting by 7s, when Willow made a perfect score on a standardized test, what did the principal think had happened? she had cheated In the novel Counting by 7s, what were the original four groups of the strange Dell Duke put kids in? misfits, odd balls, lone wolves and weirdos In the novel Counting by 7s, what do the initials FGS stand for? Four Groups of the Strange In the novel Counting by 7s, what brought all of Dell's categorization to a halt? Willow Chance In the novel Counting by 7s, what 5th category did Dell add to his Groups of the Strange? genius In the novel Counting by 7s, what event made Willow feel like part of a group for the first time in her life? working with Mai, Quang-ha and Dell to find Dell's cat In the novel Counting by 7s,, what is the truth about where Cheddar came from? Dell claimed a lost was

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his cat to take him to a session with Willow
In the novel Counting by 7s, why did Dell move Quang-ha from lone wolf to odd ball? his artistic talent
In the novel Counting by 7s, why did Jairo think Willow was part of sting operation?
she asked to see all his paperwork
In the novel Counting by 7s, what did Willow recommend Jairo do the first time she rode in his cab? get a biopsy for the mole on the back of his neck
In the novel Counting by 7s, how did Mai get the authorities to let Willow come to her home after the news of her parents' deaths? she lied, said their families were friends
In the novel Counting by 7s, the ability to keep one's mouth shut is usually a sign of what? intelligence
In the novel Counting by 7s, while at the Children's Center, Willow saw a newspaper with a picture of her dad's demolished car. What happened when she saw this? she fainted and hit her head
In the novel Counting by 7s, at what point did Mai know Willow was going to come home with her after Willow's parents' death? when she saw the book Understanding Vietnamese Customs and Traditions
In the novel Counting by 7s, after leaving the hospital and having Jairo take her to the library, what does Willow do? fall asleep behind a chair
In the novel Counting by 7s, who did Dell go to for help when Willow was missing? Mai
In the novel Counting by 7s, what lie does Mai tell to get Willow to come home with her family after she ran away? she gives Dell's address as her family's address
In the novel Counting by 7s, after Willow's parents' deaths, Jairo tells Willow to call him if she needs what? a ride somewhere
In the novel Counting by 7s, who pays for the new furniture for Dell's apartment? Dell claimed a lost was his cat to take him to a session with Willow
In the novel Counting by 7s, what made the plan for them to appear to live in Dell's apartment appeal to Quang-ha? they were going around the law, defying some rule
In the novel Counting by 7s, why does

Quang-ha not argue with Willow when she tells him which skylight goes with Dell's apartment? He knows she only talks to state facts. In the novel Counting by 7s, what did Quang-ha and Willow use to cover the skylight for Dell's apartment? pieces of glass from broken wine and beer bottles In the novel Counting by 7s, what category does Dell add to his System of the Strange for Pattie? Dictator In the novel Counting by 7s, what does Mai decide to do with the acorn she stepped on that wouldn't break? put it some place where Willow would find it In the novel Counting by 7s, why does Pattie suggest Dell rent a room from Unit 22? so her family and Willow can stay in his apartment In the novel Counting by 7s, how did Willow improve Dell's TV? corrected the settings; put audio and video in sync; activated more channels In the novel Counting by 7s, when Dell asked Willow what one thing he could do for her to make her life better, what does she request? a packet of sunflower seeds In the novel Counting by 7s, what does Jairo receive as a result of being the one millionth customer at the book store? \$20,000 In the novel Counting by 7s, what does Willow plan to do with the one working computer she makes from 3 broken ones? make it a gift to Dell In the novel Counting by 7s, what is Quang-ha's reaction to Dell's announcement that he is going to start running? He breaks into a fit of laughter In the novel Counting by 7s, what are the three improvements Willow makes for the Nail Salon? improves lease agreement; reorganizes the space to make room for a 4th manicurist; trains the employees in health and safety standards In the novel Counting by 7s, what category does Dell add to his Groups of Strange for himself? Mutant In the novel Counting by 7s, what is Willow's objection to the used running shoes she gets? their colors-bright pink with hot purple laces In the novel Counting by 7s, why had Willow always felt it was important to

blend into the environment? it was important for observation
In the novel Counting by 7s, why does Willow have Jairo take her to City Hall? to review documents on file for building projects that come before city hall
In the novel Counting by 7s, who did the drawings in the proposal Willow prepared? Quang-ha
In the novel Counting by 7s, what title does bank give to Dell? Building Representative
In the novel Counting by 7s, which character does Willow say "always gives the unspoken a voice?" Quang-ha
In the novel Counting by 7s, what does Mai do to deal with the results of the Santa Ana wind? rent a power sprayer
In the novel Counting by 7s, the power sprayer removes pink paint and stucco to reveal a soft gray color. Willow says this demonstrates what theory? the theory of connectedness
In the novel Counting by 7s, when Dell saw how bad off Cheddar had become, what realization did he come to? he had to take more responsibility for his actions
In the novel Counting by 7s, what idea does Quang-ha have for getting clipping of plants? take them out of the people's green trash cans
In the novel Counting by 7s, Willow thinks Quang-ha may have a career in what? management
In the novel Counting by 7s, Willow believes the loss of the plants on the roof is a sign for what? she isn't going to live at the Gardens of Glendale much longer
In the novel Counting by 7s, how did Henry help Willow? he brought plants, equipment and help to plan a garden
In the novel Counting by 7s, Quang-ha tells Willow he doesn't want to know how she got the garden. Why not? he wants to believe she's magic
In the novel Counting by 7s, how does Willow feel when Lenore tells her she has found a permanent home for her and she will be leaving the family she's been living with? she doesn't think she can live without them
In the novel Counting by 7s, how does Dell react when he picks her up at the library knowing they've

found a home for Willow? he cries
In the novel *Counting by 7s*, why does Willow feel sorry for Lenore when she hacks in and reads her file? she realizes she's overworked
In the novel *Counting by 7s*, when Mai wants to leave school to see Willow in court, what trick does she use to leave school? speaking in Vietnamese
In the novel *Counting by 7s*, who gets custody of Willow? Pattie and Jairo
In the novel *Counting by 7s*, everyone thought Pattie had been working when she came home late. What had she really been doing? going out with Jairo
Discuss the effect Willow has on the other characters in the novel....
How does Willow change in the novel?...
Based on the events in the novel, define family....