A Close Match - Short Story by Helen Dunmore from Crossroads page 219

1. This story opens with the statement ***“I’d never have guessed you were sisters.”***

Contrast the two sisters noting their differences as introduced in the beginning of the story.

Jennifer Kim

1. **A Summer of Change**

What were three changes that Kim began to notice about her sister Jennifer that summer?

1. What were the symptoms that suggested Jennifer was to be diagnosed with Leukemia?
2. a. What was the recommended treatment for Jennifer?

b How did this treatment involve Kim?

c. Why was Kim reluctant at first?

1. By the end of the story, Kim learns that she and her sister are ***“as close a match as you can get.”***Explain this statement which contrasts the differences that we first learned about.
2. **Foreshadowing** is a writing device used to give a hint about what is to come in the story.

What parts of this story would you consider ‘foreshadowing”?

1. **A Monologue (50-100 words)**

This story is told from Kim’s viewpoint. Jennifer rarely speaks, so we do not know her innermost thoughts. Put yourself in the role of Jennifer to write monologue that expresses Jennifer’s feelings about her illness and impact on family and friends.