



Knowledge Organiser – ‘Can you see me?’ by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott

Quotes
 “I never fit in with anything or anyone. I feel like a key that doesn't fit properly in the lock.”

Key Vocabulary	
autism	Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn and behave.
mimic	To copy someone/imitate someone in a joking way.
rigid	Stiff or fixed, not able to bend or move.
resolute	Firm determination.
overwhelming	Something very intense and hard to deal with.
contemplate	To think deeply and at length.
relentless	Determined to do something and refusing to give up.

Important Information
<p>Plot Tally is starting secondary school and she's anxious about lots of things. Getting used to new surroundings and learning the ways of different teachers is tough. Plus, there's the boy who calls her names, and her friends from primary school who she's always depended on before have started talking about things that don't interest her. Tally knows she's different: she's autistic, meaning she sees and feels everything differently to her friends and family. Now, as she enters this new stage in her life, she is painfully aware of the way she is perceived.</p>
<p>Themes Friendship, special needs, Autism, ADHD, relationships, change, growing-up</p>

Grammar
<p>Revisit different word classes and consider their functions in sentences. Identify sentences with different forms and learn to use them in writing, Use different kinds of clause in writing and combine words, phrases and clauses using a variety of conjunctions. Experiment with word classes, clauses and conjunctions to improve sentence writing.</p>

Characters	
Tally	Protagonist – she has autism and feels she is struggling to fit into school.
Nell	Tally's big sister.
Jennifer & Kevin	Tally's parents.
Layla	Tally's friend at school.
Lucy	Tally's friend at school.



