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# Homework

## Learning about the narrator

Nadira, the narrator of the novel *Ask Me No Questions*, describes herself in the first chapter. She compares herself to her sister Aisha.

Aisha and I, we never hit it off, really. She's the quick one, the one with a flashing temper whom Abba treats like a firstborn son, while I'm the slow-wit second-born who just follows along...

That's the way it always was. Oh, did you hear what the teacher said about Aisha today? "Your sister!" the other girls would whisper to me. "She's different." But what kills me is that Aisha always says the right thing. She asks Ma if she's low on mustard oil for cooking, or Abba if he asked the doctor about the better ointment for his joints.

It's hard to have a sister who is perfect.

What can you learn about Nadira from the way she describes herself? What can you learn about Nadira by the way she compares herself to her sister? Write a paragraph to explain.



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