Book Summary
Charlie is a chef for a fancy restaurant. But Charlie is not as happy as the people she cooks for. One day, a customer says, “You are a fine chef. Have you ever thought of starting your own restaurant?” The customer’s kind words give Charlie the confidence to follow her dream.

Charlie opens up a restaurant. Soon she is in deep water. Money is short. Staff come and go. Her best worker lets her down. What else can go wrong? Charlie finds out.

Will she give up? Or does Charlie find a way to follow her dream?

Chapter 1
1. How do you think Charlie feels about working at the restaurant?
2. How can good work lead to bigger things?
3. Do you think that people should dream big dreams?

Chapter 2
1. How does Ben feel about Charlie’s “big ideas”? Why?
2. Before you do something, how much do you think about what can go wrong?
3. Have you ever had an idea you were sure would work before you even tried it?
4. What kind of business would you start?
**Chapter 3**

1. Do you think Charlie will ever need to ask Sal for anything?
2. Why is it important to have a plan?
3. What does it mean to “put your money where your mouth is?”

**Chapter 4**

1. Why do you think a business has to get permits?
2. What kind of store do you like to shop in?
3. What is something in your life that was worth the wait?

**Chapter 5**

1. For what reasons do people not go back to a restaurant?
2. Do you think “sunny girl” is a good nickname for Charlie? Do you think of yourself as a sunny person?
3. What are some ways that people deal with bad days?

**Chapter 6**

1. What should a person do if someone tries to rob them?
2. How do you think Charlie feels while stuffed in the cold room with the other people?
3. What could happen if a payment is missed?
4. What do you do to keep your head up after a string of bad breaks?

**Chapter 7**

1. Do you think A Game of Chicken will help business?
2. What do you think about asking staff for ideas?
3. What does catchy mean? Think of a name that you think is catchy.

**Chapter 8**

1. What could have happened to the missing money?
2. How do you feel about working nights, weekends, and over the holidays?
3. Why do you think the board of health checks restaurants?
Chapter 9
1. Do you think that Levi has earned Charlie’s trust?
2. Why are good workers so important to a business?
3. How does insurance work?
4. What else could go wrong at the restaurant?

Chapter 10
1. How has Levi tried to cover up what he has been doing?
2. What makes you trust someone?
3. If you were Charlie, would you fire Levi? Or give him another chance?

Chapter 11
1. Who would you talk to if you needed help? Who comes to you for help?
2. Do you know how to make people see things for themselves?
3. If you were Charlie, what would you do if you had more money to work with?

Chapter 12
1. If you were Mr. Glass, would you lend Charlie more money?
2. Why do you think Charlie does not want to give up?
3. What does it mean to learn as you go? Why is it sometimes hard to learn as you go?

Chapter 13
1. What would you think of someone so full of ideas as Pedro?
2. How is Charlie being careful about who she hires?
3. How is Pedro like Charlie? Do you know a younger person who is a lot like you?

Chapter 14
1. Why is Pedro such a good worker?
2. Charlie kept on trying to make her idea work. Like her chicken recipe, she made changes along the way. Why is that important?
3. What is your idea of a dream come true?