

QUESTIONS ABOUT
ELEVATION
Part 1

Scott Carey who lives in upstate Maine is losing weight and wants to know why. He is also having problems with his neighbors Diedre McComb and Missy Donaldson, that may or may not be due to their dogs' habits, and he enlists his friend Dr. Bob for help.

The questions below cover pages 1 through 72.

Chapter 1

1. How tall is Scott? The author gives Scott's height in feet and inches. What is it in centimeters? Is he skinny?
2. Scott looks and feels healthy, but he is worried that something is wrong. What symptoms concern him?
3. What did Scott's grandmother mean by "a stuffed string"?
4. What does Scott do for a living?
5. How much does Dr. Bob guess that Scott weighs? How much does he actually weigh? What is this in kilograms?
6. How much does Scott weigh without his clothes? How much do his clothes weigh? Is this possible?
7. On pages 12 and 15 Scott asks Dr. Bob to keep his weight secret. Why?
8. Scott is designing a website with the title HOCHSCHILD-KOHN DRAFT SITE 4 MATERIAL, but this is not the name of the company he is actually doing this for. Why is he being secretive?
9. When his wife left him, whom did she leave behind?
10. On page 17 and 18 *time* and *weight* are discussed. What is *time*? What is *weight*? Are they merely human inventions? Are *time* and *weight* invisible?
11. The cat's name is a joke. What is its name? Why is it a joke?
12. Who are "the ladies"? What problem does Scott have with them? What problem do they think he has with them?
13. What does Scott show Deidre? What is her reaction? What is his reaction to her reaction?
14. How long does Scott believe it will take to finish the website? How much does Dr. Bob think he'll weigh by then?

15. Why does Missy visit Scott? What does she tell him about the restaurant?
16. How do local businesses survive the winter? Why does Missy believe her and Deidre's business won't survive?
17. What does Scott overhear at Patsy's diner? What is his reaction?
18. What does Scott learn about Deidre from the *Turkey Trot* poster?
19. What does Scott learn about Deidre from the bookstore owner?

Chapter 2

20. Scott decides to take Dr. Bob to the Holy Frijole, which is Deidre's and Missy's restaurant. Why doesn't Dr. Bob want his wife to know where he's going?
21. How does Deidre treat each of them when they arrive at the restaurant?
22. Do they like the food at the *Holy Frijole*?
23. Scott says his *mass* is staying constant but his *weight* is dropping. What is the difference between *mass* and *weight*?
24. After their meal, Deidre talks privately with Scott. What three requests does she make? Are they more like requests or more like demands?
25. After Scott arrives home from *Holy Frijoles*, what does he do?
26. What does Scott weigh now?

Chapter 3

27. After Scott buys Halloween candy, what two things does he do to test his strength?
28. When does he expect his weight to become zero?
29. Scott asks the last trick-or-treaters what treats the McComb-Donaldson home gave them. What is their answer?
30. What race does Scott enter? What is his number? What is Deidre's number? How many entries are expected?