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Symbols Speak

Short Answer Key

1. The desert represents Stargirl's personality because it is open, free, and different from the structured life at school.
2. The sunflower represents Stargirl's kindness because it spreads warmth and happiness, just like she does.
3. She loses energy because she stops being herself, which takes away her natural joy and confidence.
4. The desert and sunflower help show that being different is beautiful and that staying true to yourself is important.
5. Jerry Spinelli wants readers to see that symbols can help us understand deeper lessons about identity and acceptance.

