

the writer shows that Alex's emotions vary on the topic of his mother, yet all show that he is struggling to cope.

"Alex was angry with his father, his sisters, wife in general - even with his mother for getting sick" shows that ~~at~~ Alex's ~~is angry~~ first

instinct is to be angry due to the adjective "angry" in the quotation. "even with his mother for getting sick" shows that Alex appears to be

struggling to cope with ~~at~~ her illness as he is blaming

even his mother, showing that ~~he needs~~ Alex's

character is one which needs a constant emotional outlet.

Alex also feels pained later in the text, as

he thinks about "how painful her ^{absence} ~~absence~~ is now".

This however, ~~is~~ due to the time being "now",

Some response
to the focus
of the
statement