

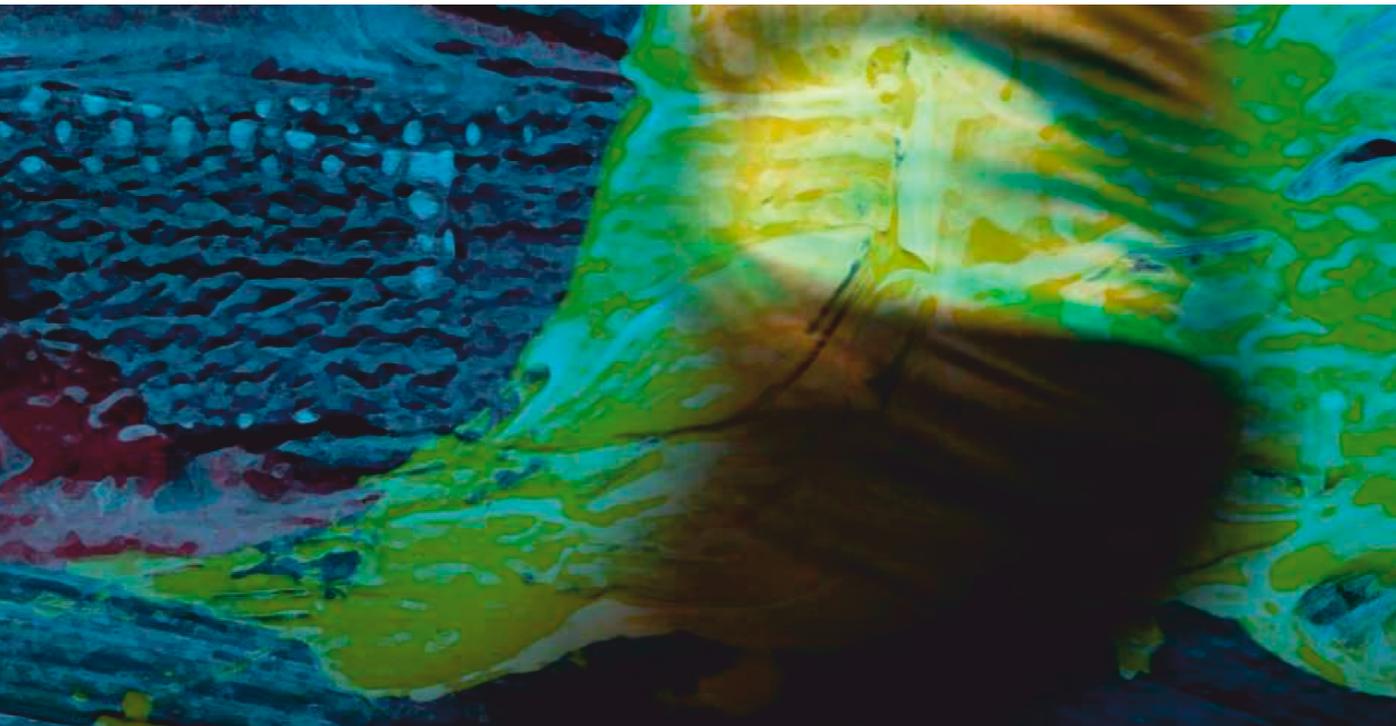
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Draw your own cover for the novel. Include the title and author of the novel on the page.



Find the meanings of the following words:

- Title

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- Author

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- Character

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- Quote

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- Plot

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- Setting

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# Chapter Summaries

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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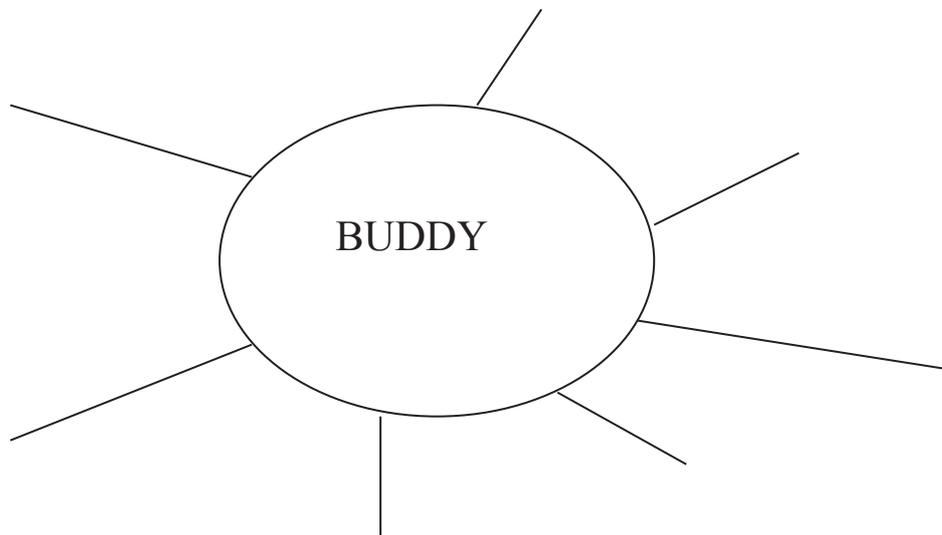
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List some information we already know about Buddy.



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Using the table below put in 5 adjectives (describing words) that show the difference between Buddy's Dad and Mr Normington e.g. hard working and lazy or friendly and mean.

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Difference No 2		
Difference No 3		
Difference No 4		
Difference No 5		

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Sometimes when we read a novel we can be disappointed by what happens. We might want something different to happen. Think of one different thing you would like to have happened in the story so far.

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How would this change the story?

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Write down three adjectives (describing words) that apply to Buddy and write a sentence for each of your words to explain why you chose them.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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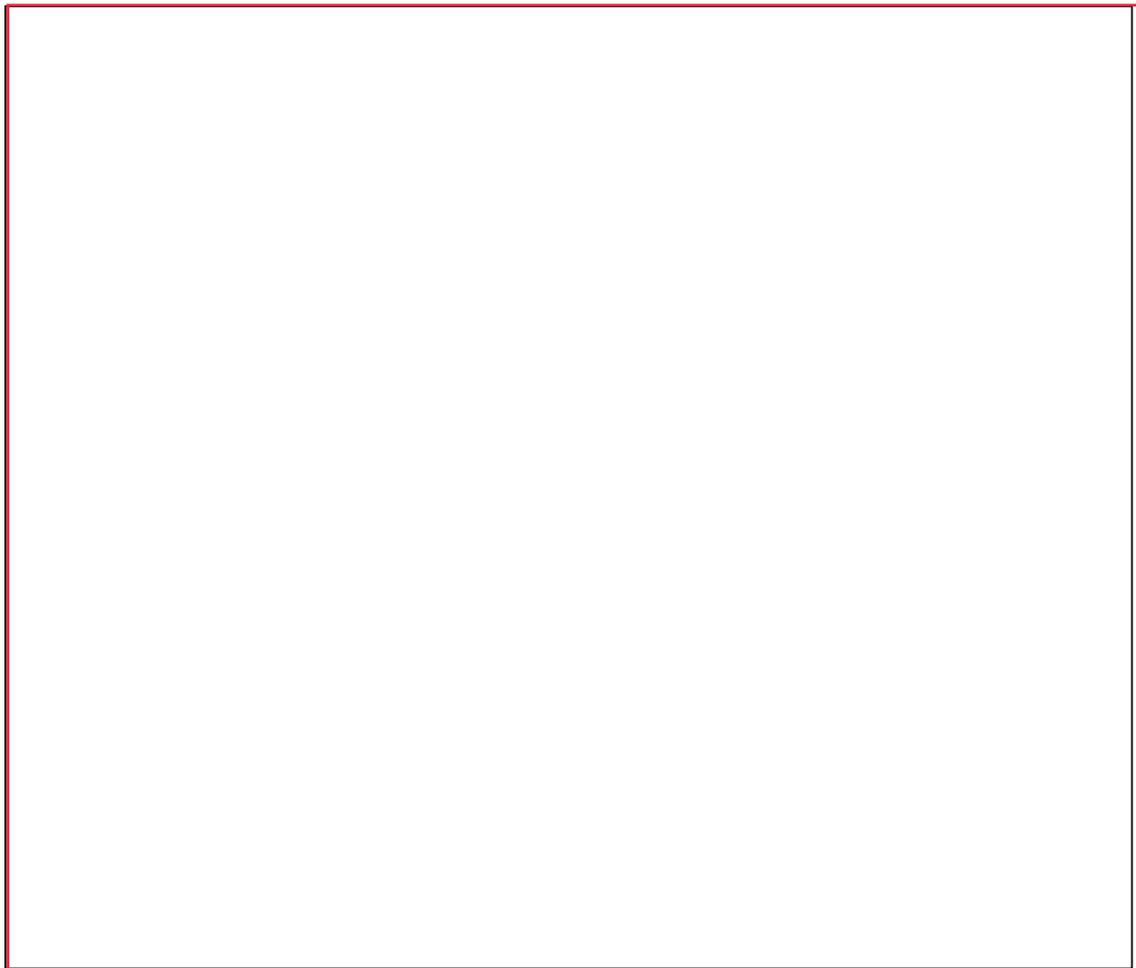
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# Chapter Questions on 'Buddy'

## Chapters 1 & 2

1. Why does Buddy steal from his mother?

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2. Do you feel differently about him stealing the money when you find out what it is for?

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3. Why does Buddy's mother say, "Like father, Like son" to Buddy while they are fighting?

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4. Why does Buddy think his mother has left?

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5. What does Buddy do on the way to school to stop bad things happening?

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6. Why doesn't Buddy tell the school that his mum has left?

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7. Why does Buddy feel ashamed of his dad?

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## Chapters 3 & 4

1. What happens to Terry's bike?

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2. What make or model was Terry's motorbike?

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3. Why does Buddy decide to stop eating fries in the morning?

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4. When one of the boys in school tells Buddy, "Ugh you stink like a fish and chip shop" how do you think it makes him feel?

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5. Buddy and his dad have a fight.

(a) What do they fight

about? \_\_\_\_\_

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(b) Why does Buddy feel guilty after the fight?

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c) What song does Buddy's dad put on after the fight?

6. Who does Billy do a history project on?

7. When Buddy's dad gets home the day after the row he has good news for Buddy. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What story does Buddy's dad tell him about 56 Croxley Street?

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## Chapters 5 & 6

1. Buddy is teased by someone in school on Friday. Who teases him and why?

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2. Buddy goes to a shop that day. Does he shoplift?

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3. Do you think Buddy has learned his lesson about shoplifting? How do we know this?

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4. Do you think Julius is a good friend to Buddy? Explain.

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5. Julius's friend sees Buddy with "eyes full of hatred".  
What do you think that means?

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6. Name two activities the young people do at Satellite Youth Club.

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7. What does Charmian buy Buddy on the way home and why?

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8. Where do the three friends go to visit?

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9. Describe the visit to 56 Croxley Street. What do the garden and house look like? What happens when they are there?

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## Chapters 7 & 8

1. Describe the twins' house.

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2. Name three ways Buddy's house and the twins' house are different.

Buddy's House	Twins' House

3. Choose three words to describe the twins' mum.

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4. What business do the Rybeeros (twins' parents) have?

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5. What happens between Charmian and Buddy in the house?

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## Chapters 9 & 10

1. Why does Mr. Normington compliment Buddy in school?

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2. What does Mr. Normington say that makes Siddel tease Buddy?

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3. How does Buddy react to Siddel teasing him?

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4. Buddy feels embarrassed and humiliated after the row with Siddel. Why do you think this is?

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5. How do we know that Buddy's dad misses Buddy's mum?

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6. a) Why does Buddy decide to go over to visit the twins' house early?

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b) Does this show us anything about Buddy's home life?

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7. What story do the twins have to tell when he gets over to visit them?

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8. Why does Buddy not want to go back to visit 56 Croxley Street?

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9. When they go to visit 56 Croxley Street what stops them from going inside?

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10. Describe Mrs. Solomon.

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5. What is the Beast's real name?

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6. Where did the three friends go after they left 56 Croxley St?

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7. What did Buddy dream that night?

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8. How do you think Buddy's dad treated him when he woke up from the nightmare?

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9. Where did Buddy and his Dad visit the next day?

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## Chapters 13 & 14

1. Why does Buddy's dad need to visit the school with Buddy?

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2. Describe the clothes Buddy's dad is wearing for the Consultation Evening in school.

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3. Why does Buddy ask his dad to change his clothes? Do you think it was nice of Buddy to ask his dad to change?

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4. How does Mr. Normington think Buddy is getting on in school?

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5. At the end of the chapter Buddy says he could have hugged his dad. Why do you think he said this?

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6. At the start of Chapter 15, who does Buddy think is outside his house "staking him out"?

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7. Who comes to the door and visits Buddy?

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8. What happens when she visits?

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## Chapters 15 & 16

1. Buddy's dad does something very irresponsible (or stupid) on the bike. Describe what he does.

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2. List two adjectives Buddy uses to describe his dad after he gets off the bike.

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3. The night after the bike ride Buddy's dad comes home late and wakes Buddy up to help him.

- (a) Why does he need help?

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- (b) What does Buddy do to help his dad?

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(c) Why do you think Buddy's dad won't go to the hospital?

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4. What do Buddy and his dad argue about the next day?

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5. How do you think Buddy's dad is behaving?

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6. Describe Mr. King's appearance and behaviour.

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### Chapters 19 & 20

1. Who arrives at the house before the police?

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2. Why does Buddy's dad go into 56 Croxley Street?

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3. Who is arrested?

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4. How does Buddy feel when he goes back to the Rybeeros' house?

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5. When Buddy closes his eyes to sleep what can he see?

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6. What does Buddy think will happen to him when his dad goes to prison?

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7. What does Buddy decide to do instead of telling his mother?

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8. What things does Buddy bring with him from his house?

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## Chapters 21 & 22

1. Where does Buddy buy a bus ticket to?

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2. How does Buddy describe what is happening to him?

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3. Where does Buddy get off the bus?

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4. Describe what happened during the night when Buddy was in the countryside.

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5. Where does Buddy decide to go and stay the next day?

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6. How does Buddy get into 56 Croxley Street?

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7. Who comes back to the house?

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8. What does Buddy find out about the Beast while he is staying in the house?

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9. What sort of person do you think the Beast is?

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## Chapters 23 & 24

1. What happened when Buddy went round to his mum's flat?

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2. What is the headline in the newspaper?

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3. What happens when Buddy gets home?

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4. What job does Buddy's dad get?

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5. How does Buddy spend the night before his dad's trial?

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6. Buddy's dad decides to "plead guilty". What does that mean?

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7. How long does Buddy's dad get in prison?

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8. Do you think it is a good ending to the story? Why?

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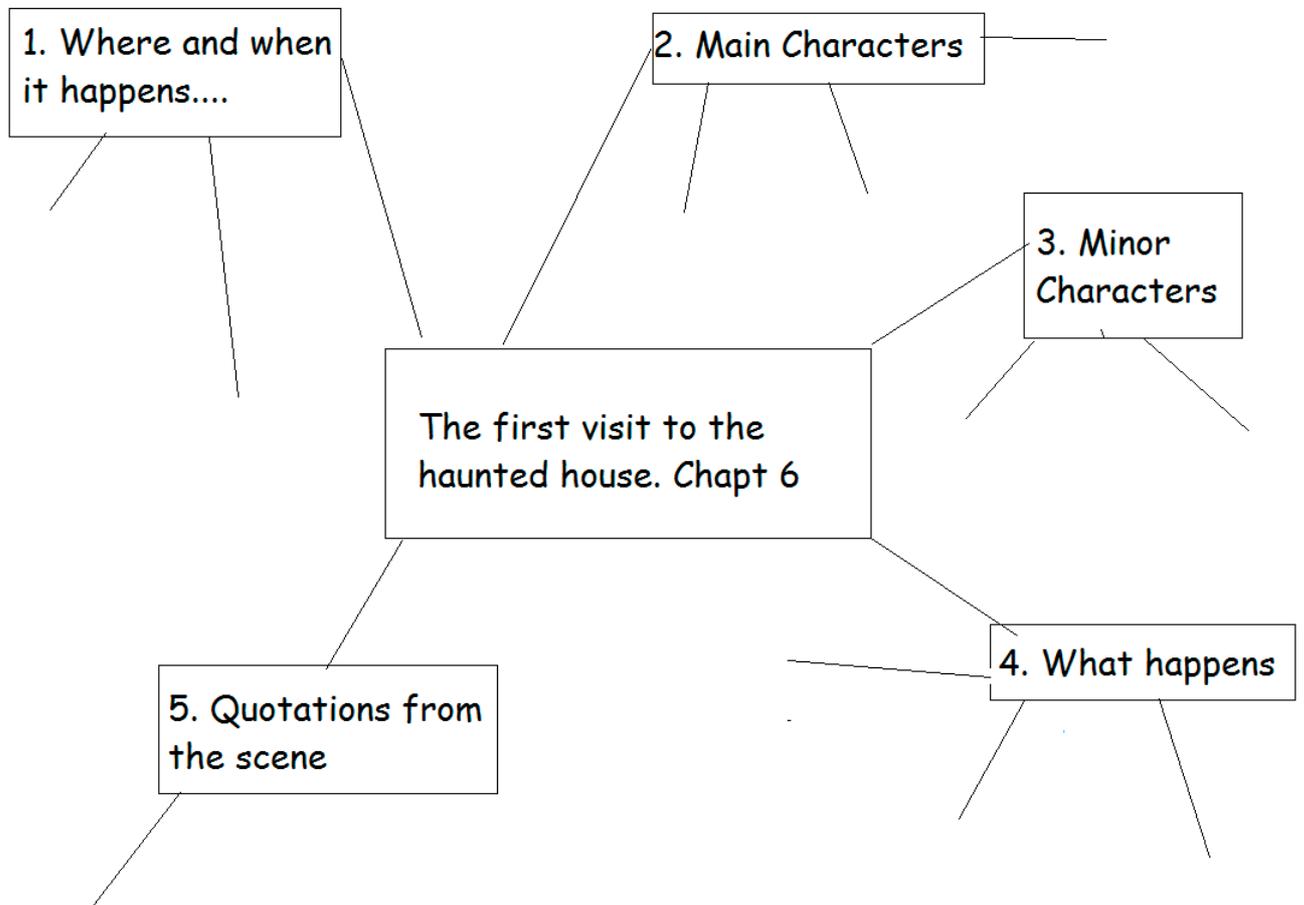
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## Describing a scene



Choose a scene from the novel and write about it

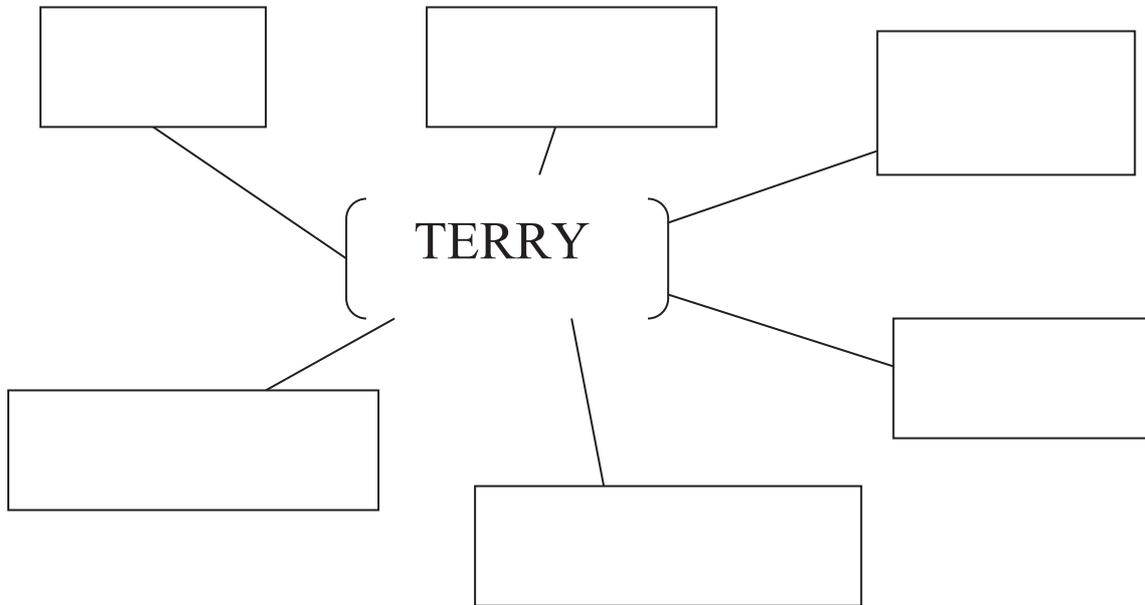
- (i) Describe who is in it and what happens
- (ii) Explain what it tells us about the characters
- (iii) Explain why you enjoyed the scene or found it interesting
- (iv) Use quotations from the scene to support the points you make in your answer

## Character Analysis - Buddy

Describe the character's physical appearance	
Character's background	
Setting in which the character lives	
The way the character behaves	
Why I would or would not like to be this character	
What motivates this character	
What others think of this character	
Five words to describe the character	

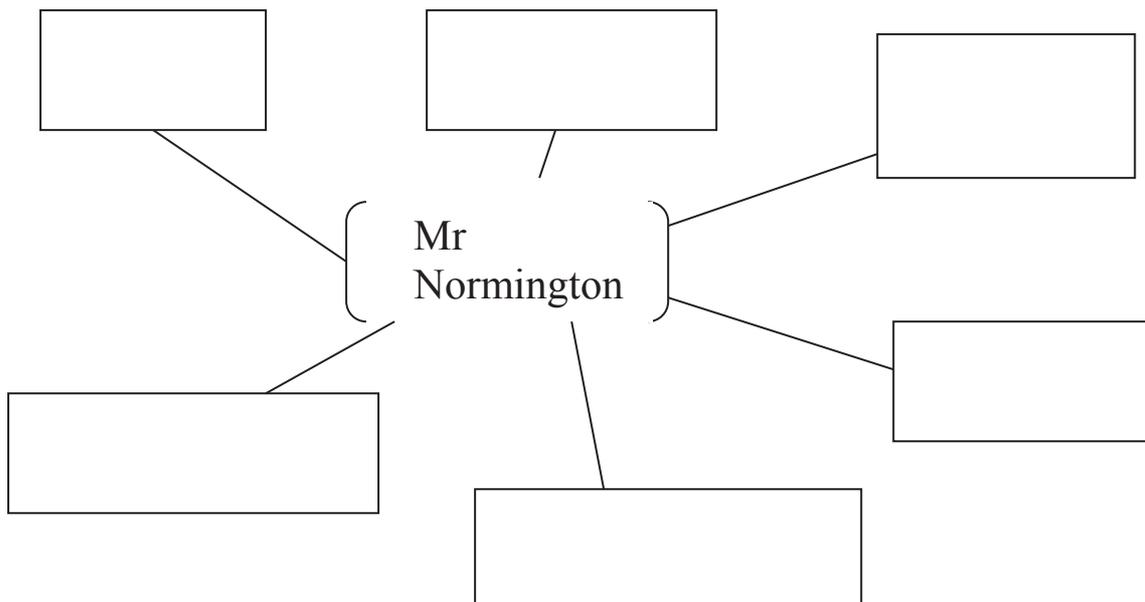
## Character Analysis - Terry (Buddy's dad)

Pick 6 words to describe this character



## Character Analysis - Mr Normington (Buddy's teacher)

Pick 6 words to describe this character



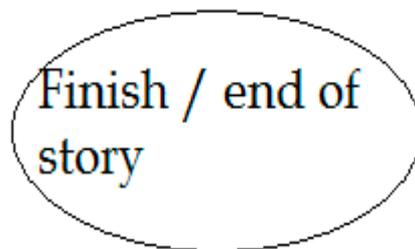
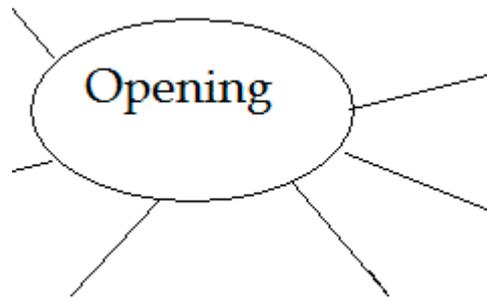




# Personal writing

Title: A time when I did something I shouldn't have.

## 1. Plan the essay: **IDEAS FOR MY ESSAY**







**Draw a wanted poster for Buddy that could have been used while he was missing**



Name the main character of the novel and give a description of him/her.

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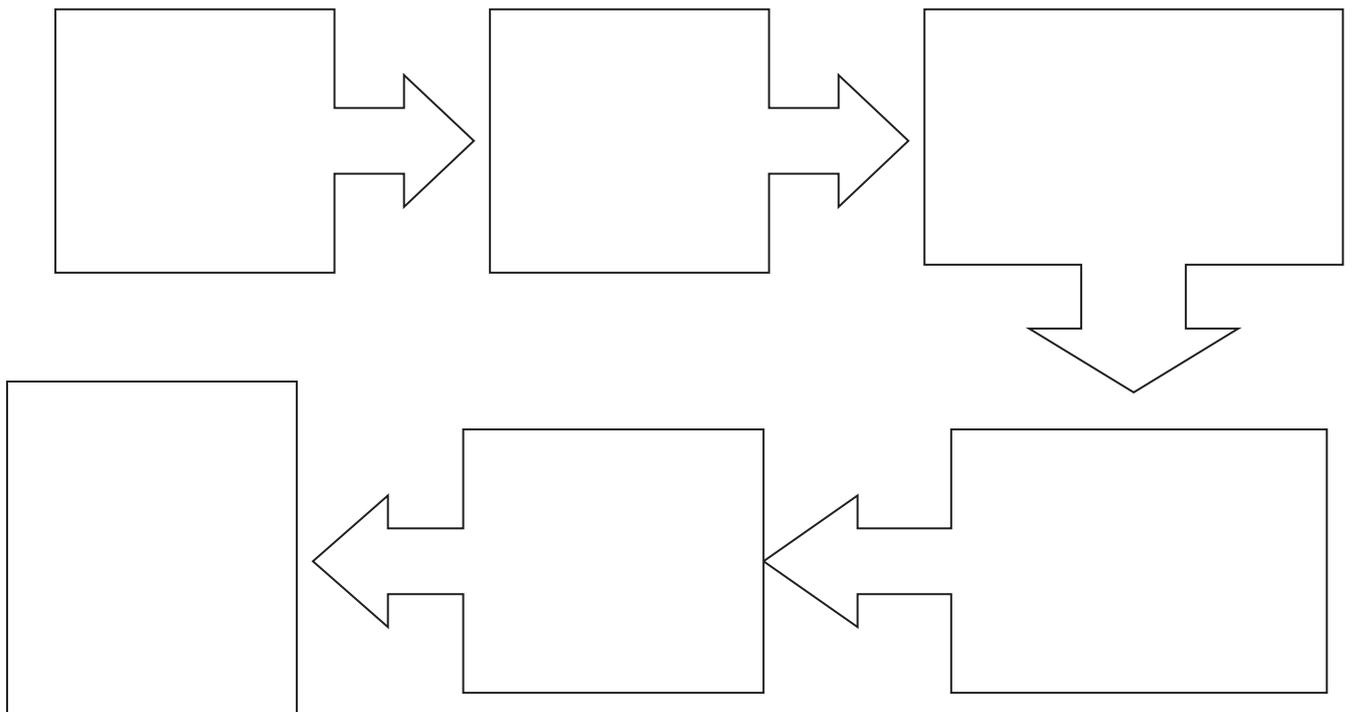
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Using the boxes below outline the plot of the story



# Exploring the text

## Chapters 1-10

1. Buddy and his dad have a row in Chapter 3. Write out the dialogue (conversation) the two could have in an argument.
2. Julius explains his friend's attitude to Buddy at the youth club by saying, "he had a bit of bother from some white kids in school".

What sort of bother do you think he had? Do you think he handled the situation well? Why does he decide to take it out on Buddy?

3. Buddy's reply is, "So did I." What does this tell you about Buddy? Do you think Buddy reacted in the right way? What way would you react?
4. Re-read the description of their first visit to 56 Croxley Street. Pretend you are the person inside the house when the three young people come knocking to the door. How do you feel? Describe what you hear outside. Describe what you do and why.
5. Contrast the two family homes (Buddy's and the twins' homes). Say in what way the two houses are alike and how they are different. You may quote from the book to help with your answer.
6. From reading the first few chapters of the story what do you think Terry's job is?

7. When Buddy goes home he decides to clean the whole house. Why do you think he does this? Does this tell us anything about Buddy's character?
8. In chapter 9 Siddell teases Buddy and they get into a row. Write a report on the fight as though you were another student watching it.
9. What sort of a character do you think Charmian is? Describe her using evidence from the book.

### Chapters 11-24

10. While Buddy, Julius and Charmian are in the house the Beast returns.

What is your first impression of the "Beast" as a character?

As we read further we learn more about his character.

Do you think "Beast" is a good name for him? Why do you think he got this name?

11. Write a school report for Buddy saying how he is getting on at school and describing any concerns you may have about him.
12. Write a diary entry for the day Buddy and his dad go out on the bike and his dad comes home injured.
13. When Mr King arrives Buddy's dad tries to stop stealing goods. Do you think he tried hard enough? What do you think of Mr King?

14. Write out the plan Buddy has, step by step. If you are not sure, use the novel to check the details.
15. Do you think Buddy's plan is a good plan? Why?
16. Pretend you are Buddy spending the night in 56 Croxley Street. Describe how you feel.
17. Buddy's dad makes sure that the "Beast" does not get the blame for the robberies. Do you think this makes him a god man? Why?
18. Write the next chapter in the story. How does Buddy get on without his dad? What happens next in the story?



