

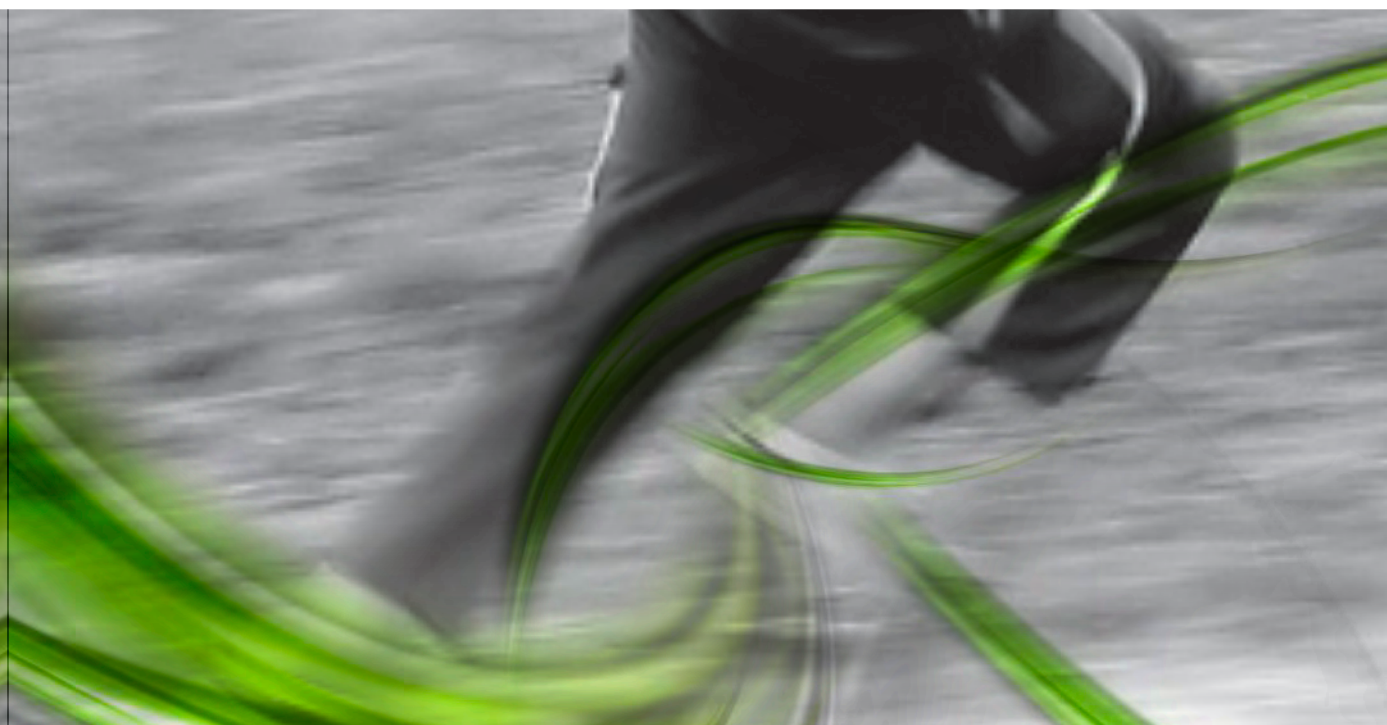
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# Chapter 1

- 1) When did it all start?
- 2) Where did Danny's father take him to make up for leaving?
- 3) Where was Pete?
- 4) What did Danny find in Pete's room?
- 5) When did his father start getting worried?
- 6) Why did he not ring many of her friends?
- 7) Whose window was facing Danny's bedroom window?
- 8) What novel was Danny reading?
- 9) What did Danny's mother call her car?
- 10) How did Danny know something was wrong when his mother came home?

**Activity: Something about the characters in the novel**  
**This chart will help you to keep track of the characters**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Page the character first appears</b>	<b>Notes on the character</b>
<b>Danny</b>		
<b>Luke's mother</b>		
<b>Danny's mother</b>		
<b>Danny's father</b>		
<b>Pete</b>		

## Chapter 2

- 1) What is Danny's mother's name?
- 2) Why is Mr. Delaney upset?
- 3) What does Danny think has happened?
- 4) What does he do with the policeman's helmet?
- 5) Why was Danny embarrassed?
- 6) Who was involved in the accident?
- 7) How did the accident happen?
- 8) How did Danny's mother feel?
- 9) Where is the boy now?
- 10) What did Danny think about when he went to bed?

**Activity:** *Anticipating what will happen. As we read each chapter we often wonder about what will happen. After reading this chapter make a list of some of the things you wonder about. You will be able to find out the answers to your questions as you read through the novel.*

I wonder if...	What happened
I wonder if the little boy will live	
I wonder if...	
I wonder if...	
I wonder if...	
I wonder if...	
I wonder if...	

## Chapter 3

### *Activity: Prediction*

*Try to answer these questions before you read chapter 3! You can check your answers when you have read the chapter.*

- 1) Why did Danny's mam stay in bed the next morning?
- 2) What did she do when she saw Danny?
- 3) What did Danny do in the garden?
- 4) Why did Mrs. Kennedy ask him to go round to her house for dinner?
- 5) Who else was having dinner there?
- 6) Who was making the dinner?
- 7) Why was Luke angry?
- 8) Why do you think Danny didn't feel hungry?

### *Activity: Danny's diary*

*Imagine that you are Danny. Write about what has just happened to you and your family.*


## Chapter 4

- 1) Why does Danny have to spend the night in the Kennedys' home?
- 2) Does Danny speak to his mother on the phone?
- 3) What does Luke say about Mr. Benson?
- 4) What does Luke say happened in the accident?
- 5) How does Danny react?
- 6) According to Luke, who said that was what happened?
- 7) How is the boy now?
- 8) What did Danny whisper?

**Activity:** Write the conversation that might take place between Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Benson that night.

<b>Mrs. Kennedy</b>	
<b>Mr. Benson</b>	
<b>Mrs. Kennedy</b>	
<b>Mr. Benson</b>	
<b>Mrs. Kennedy</b>	
<b>Mr. Benson</b>	
<b>Mrs. Kennedy</b>	
<b>Mr. Benson</b>	

# Chapter 5

- 1) What does Danny's father say about Luke's comments?
- 2) Where did the accident happen?
- 3) What is the boy's name?
- 4) Who has been watching Danny?
- 5) Where does Danny go next?
- 6) What does he see and hear?
- 7) What have the parents been doing?
- 8) How does Andy's mother feel?
- 9) Who was waiting in Danny's street when he got home?
- 10) Why did Danny think they were like secret agents?

### **Activity: The 'Five Ws'**

Imagine you are writing a newspaper article about the accident. Before you write it you will have to answer the five questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? Use what you have learned from your reading of the novel so far to answer these questions.

<b>Who?</b>	
<b>What?</b>	
<b>Where?</b>	
<b>When?</b>	
<b>Why?</b>	

# Chapter 6

- 1) Where did Danny and Sarah arrange to meet?
- 2) Why was Danny surprised?
- 3) Why was Sarah's mother angry?
- 4) Why did Sarah come to Danny's house?
- 5) Whom did Sarah blame for the accident?
- 6) Whom did they see walking along the path towards them?
- 7) What did Mr. Benson say boys of Danny's age need?
- 8) How do you think Luke felt when he saw Danny and Sarah?
- 9) Why did Danny feel angry that night when he came home?
- 10) Why did he want to see Sarah again?

## ***Activity: Points of view***

***Sometimes things can look different to different people. Write about what happened in the park from Danny and Luke's points of view. Describe what happened, who was there and how you felt.***

### ***Events from Danny's point of view***


### ***Events from Luke's point of view***




# Chapter 7

- 1) Who came to Danny's birthday dinner?
- 2) Why did Benjamin Benson's father spend most of the war in jail?
- 3) What did Danny do with the present his grandmother had given him?
- 4) Why did Danny feel relieved when he got Pete's card?
- 5) Why do you think Pete hadn't been making sense on the phone?
- 6) Why do you think Danny's father wouldn't give his mother any dinner?
- 7) Why did Danny's mam feel that, 'There's only one who matters'?
- 8) What did Sarah ask Danny to do?
- 9) How did he feel about that?
- 10) Why did he agree to go?

### **Activity: The argument**

**Danny's parents had an argument at his birthday dinner. Imagine that they continue the argument later that night and write what they might say to each other.**

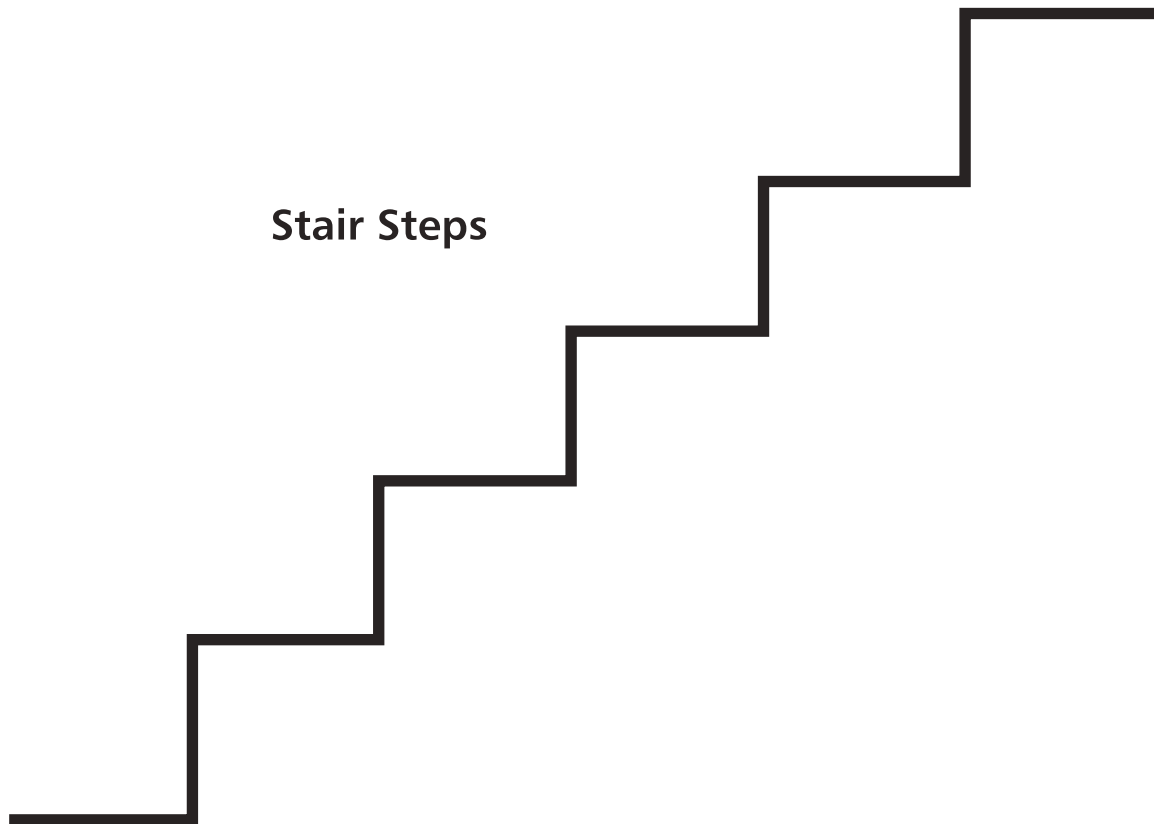
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## Chapter 8

- 1) Describe what Danny saw when he went in to the hospital room.
- 2) Why did Sarah laugh?
- 3) Why had Pete once been in hospital?
- 4) What had Sarah dared Andy to do?
- 5) Why did Andy run straight out on to the road?
- 6) Where did Danny hide?
- 7) What did Dr. Harris say about Andy?
- 8) Why is Sarah's mother angry?
- 9) What does she say she is going to do?
- 10) How did Danny react?

**Activity: Graphic organiser**

*Use the graphic organiser to show the sequence of events in this chapter.*



# Chapter 9

- 1) Why had the police been to Danny's house?
- 2) Why was his father surprised when Danny mentioned Sarah?
- 3) How did he react when he heard Sarah had come to their house?
- 4) Why did he slap Danny in the face?
- 5) Why did Sarah call to the house that night?
- 6) What did Luke see from his bedroom window?
- 7) Why do you think he decided to run away?
- 8) What did he bring with him?

## Activity: Making connections

*Sometimes when we read something it reminds us of something similar that happened to us and of how we felt. This can help us understand what we have read. Use the chart below to write about three connections you made while reading the book so far. Then show how the connections you made helped you understand what you read.*

Page	How this is connected to something I have read, heard about or that happened to me	How making this connection helped me to understand what I was reading

## Word puzzle

*There are twenty-three words from chapter 9 in this word puzzle. Can you find them all? You can go across, up, down and diagonally.*

K	J	U	M	P	E	D	L	X	E	I	G	P	G	I
D	Y	J	N	U	Q	I	T	S	Y	N	P	E	N	N
I	H	C	N	D	F	Z	A	Z	I	O	R	R	I	N
S	T	B	O	E	E	C	A	T	F	G	U	S	N	O
C	A	R	T	N	R	R	N	J	N	N	H	O	I	C
O	P	I	R	I	C	I	N	I	D	O	B	N	G	E
V	M	C	A	M	O	E	S	E	U	R	E	A	A	N
E	Y	T	C	P	E	S	R	T	A	X	X	L	M	T
R	S	F	Q	T	A	S	E	N	Q	T	K	L	I	B
R	I	Q	R	P	T	D	R	Q	E	R	H	Y	G	L
Z	G	I	S	A	I	N	T	E	N	D	I	N	G	I
D	H	E	N	D	E	R	E	D	I	S	N	O	C	N
T	R	D	A	N	Y	A	D	H	T	R	I	B	P	K
T	S	T	G	X	D	O	O	R	B	E	L	L	T	E
F	R	U	S	T	R	A	T	I	O	N	E	O	F	D

BIRTHDAY  
BLINKED  
CARTON  
CONCERNED  
CONSIDERED  
CRAZY

DISCOVER  
DOORBELL  
FRUSTRATION  
IMAGINING  
INNOCENT  
INTENDING

JUMPED  
LIFETIME  
PERSONALLY  
POINTING  
SHOUTED  
STAIRCASE

SYMPATHY  
THIRTEEN  
TRESPASSING  
UNDERNEATH  
UNDERSTAND

# Chapter 10

- 1) Where did Danny spend the first night?
- 2) What happened while he was having his breakfast?
- 3) Why did he start to feel nervous walking around the streets?
- 4) Why did he go to the car-park that night?
- 5) The next morning, where did he decide he would go?
- 6) What happened that made him feel he was totally on his own?
- 7) How did he disguise himself?
- 8) What did Danny think about the night he went to the park?
- 9) What happened to him as he was about to lie down?
- 10) Who found him?

**Activity: Pete's point of view**

*Imagine that you are Pete. Write about the events of the past few weeks. Describe how you felt when you heard that Danny had run away and what you did. Write about your feelings when you found him.*


## Chapter 11

- 1) What happened the first morning that Danny came home from hospital?
- 2) Why did Danny feel ashamed of himself?
- 3) Why did Pete think it wasn't very smart of Danny to make friends with Sarah?
- 4) What did Pete get Danny to promise?
- 5) Why had Luke gone to see Sarah's parents?
- 6) What did Luke tell Danny about his father?
- 7) Why, do you think, is Luke is going to go to some matches with Mr. Benson?
- 8) What did Danny's mam say to him on the last night of the holidays?
- 9) How did Danny feel?
- 10) Why, do you think, does the author have Danny reading the part about David going to see Agnes at this point in the book?

**Activity: Point of View**

***Danny's mother is an important character in the book although she does not appear in it very often. Write a short piece describing what has happened over the last few weeks from her point of view.***


**Sarah and Andy**

**Write the conversation you think might have taken place between Sarah and Andy after he woke up.**

<b>Sarah</b>	
<b>Andy</b>	
<b>Sarah</b>	
<b>Andy</b>	
<b>Sarah</b>	
<b>Andy</b>	
<b>Sarah</b>	
<b>Andy</b>	
<b>Sarah</b>	
<b>Andy</b>	

## *Story Pyramid*

A story pyramid can help you summarise the important events in a novel, using a few words. Try putting suitable words into the spaces below.

\_\_\_\_\_

Main character's name

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Two words describing the main character

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Three words describing the setting or place

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Four words describing an important event

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Five words describing another important event

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Six words describing how the novel ended



## 3 – 2 – 1

**Based on your reading of the novel fill in the 3 - 2 - 1 worksheet with the following information:**

three things you found out;  
two interesting things you noticed;  
one question you still have.

<b>3</b>	<b>Things I found out</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Interesting things</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Question I still have</b>

# Reflections on the novel

These questions will help you to think about the novel, its characters and themes.

**1) Think of the people in this novel.**

Describe briefly any ONE of the following –

a person you liked

**OR**

a person you did not like

Say why you liked or disliked this person.

**2) In this novel something significant and worrying happens.**

Describe the event which happens.

Describe the way at least two people's lives were affected by what happened.

How did you feel as you were reading this novel?

**3) Would you recommend this novel to other people of to your own age?  
Explain why or why not.**

**4) Give the title of this novel and the name of the author.**

Briefly tell the story.

Did you enjoy this novel? Explain why or why not.

**5) Novels may have more than one theme.**

Choose a theme from this novel and give an outline of it.

Describe how the author develops the theme.



