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WRITE FULL SENTENCES.



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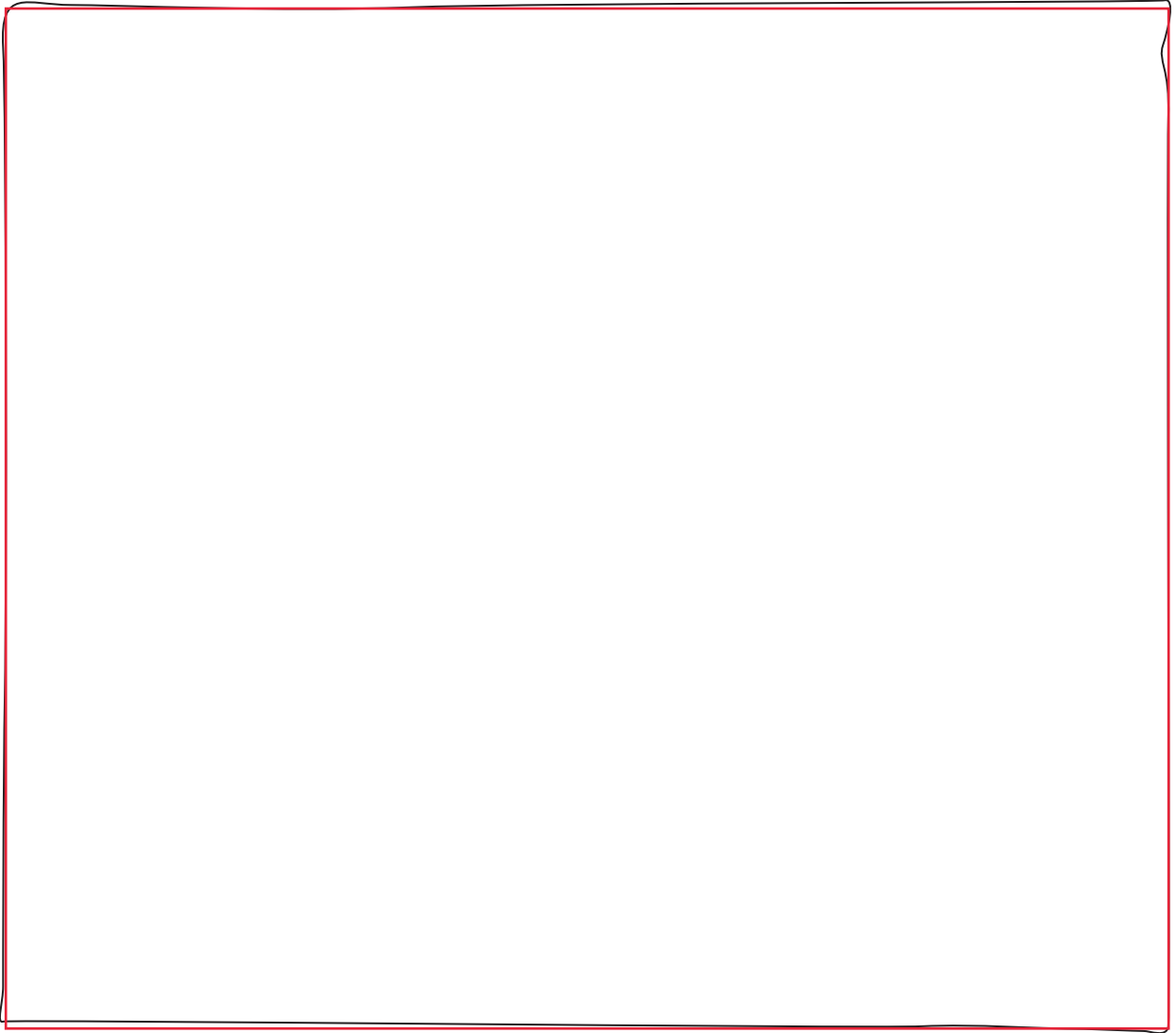
- a. Title: _____
- b. Author: _____
- c. Publisher: _____
- d. Price: _____
- e. Website: _____

2. Read the blurb on the back cover.
Which type of Novel do you think this will be?

- Romantic novel
- Detective novel


What do you think the book is going to be about?

3. After looking at the book cover and reading the blurb, draw a small picture of the image you have of what the book will be about:



4. Go to the contents page. How many chapters are there?

5. What is the title of the first chapter?

6.  **Keyword: Revenge**

A key word in the blurb is revenge. Look up this word in the dictionary and write down the definition.

Does revenge brings happiness or does it bring more hurt?

Explain your answer _____

Chapter
1



"It's Christmas Time"

1. What is the name of the estate?

2. What day was it?

3. What were the names of the gangs?

4. What was Marcus wearing?

5. Who did Johnny get mixed up with?

6. What did Johnny need to do?

7. Write down the words that mean the following:

Throwing

Blow Up

Hit

Area or part of a country

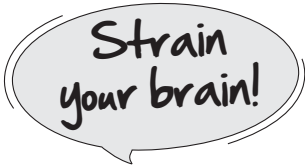


1. On page one Johnny says the place isn't very Christmassy. What do you think Christmas should look like?

2. Describe what you think the estate looks like in your head after reading chapter one.

3. Near the beginning of the book it mentions what day it is but can you work out what date it is?

4. Imagine you were in the tower looking out. How do you think you would feel watching what was happening?



1. How do you think Johnny is feeling by the end of the chapter? Why do you think this? Use one quote that you think shows this feeling.

 Key Personality – Marcus Hood 

1. List five words you think describes Marcus from reading about him in the first chapter:



You've seen everything that Johnny and Marcus saw and overheard their conversation. You've decided to post something about it on Facebook. What would you write? (You can only use 50 words at maximum!)

Chapter
2

“Whispers and Rumours”



1. Who is Marcus's sister?

2. What did Johnny want to talk to Marcus about?

3. What was Johnny's dad's name?

4. Who was in charge of the drug squad?

5. Who was Johnny's dad's wife?

6. Where was Johnny's mother born?

7. What is Jack Taylor's company's name?

8. What was the name of the person who killed Johnny's dad?

9. Rewrite these sentences putting in full stops and capital letters:

della is marcus's sister

the first thing i asked him about was a man called dave cherry

her mother died soon after they'd arrived in england,
and maria never found out why they'd had to leave mexico

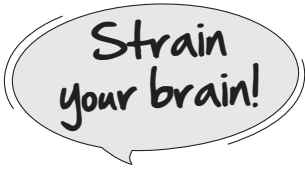


1. What do you think that Marcus's mother meant when she said that Johnny was "bad" for Dell's heart?

2. What kind of things did Jack Taylor do? What do you think is the worst thing that he did? Why?

3. How do you think the "whispers and rumours" about Johnny's dad being corrupt made Johnny feel?

4. What kind of things do you think Marcus does for a living?



1. What kind of skills does Johnny use to be a “private detective”?
What skill do you think is most important for it?



Key Personality – Johnny Delgado

1. What do you think of Johnny at this point in the story?



1. Imagine you were a journalist and worked for a newspaper. You have heard everything about Jack Taylor. Your editor has told you to write an article about Jack Taylor. Use the space below to write the article with a main headline too.

Chapter
3



"Tisha Franks"

1. Who came with Marcus at ten o'clock?

2. What floor did Tisha live on?

3. Who was in the room with Tisha?

4. What did Tisha say sleepily?

5. What did Tisha give to Johnny?

6. What were the last four words of the letter?

7. At this stage think about what you think what will happen in the book. This is called anticipating. Read each of the statements below and tick the True or False box to show what you think.

TRUE	IDEA	FALSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	This story will have a sad ending	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Johnny's will show the police the note	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Taylor will say sorry to Johnny	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marcus will keep helping Johnny	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The police will arrest Jack Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Johnny will get what he wants	<input type="checkbox"/>

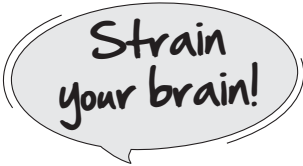


1. Describe Benny Toogood (Toog)

2. Describe the state that Tisha was in. What do you think put her in that state?

3. What do you think the atmosphere was like in the room when they were talking?

4. Johnny thought watching Tisha cry was “like watching a dead girl weep”. Why do you think he described her like this?



1. The book uses a lot of similes. A simile is when someone says that something is “like” or “as” something else, eg. He is **as** big **as** a house OR He is **like** a horse running. Look back over the chapter and find one example of a simile

 **Key Personality – Tisha Franks** 

1. We learn a little bit about Tisha’s life in this chapter. What do you think about her as a person?



1. You’re the new detective in the police force and you’re investigating David Cherry’s death. You meet with Tisha but her lawyer tells you that you’re only allowed to ask her three questions. What would these questions be and why?

a.

Reason:

b _____

Reason: _____

c. _____

Reason: _____

Chapter
4

“Jack Taylor”



1. Where did Johnny get off the bus?

2. What was the first thing that Johnny said to the receptionist?

3. What were the mother and daughter wearing?

4. What did Johnny tell Jack he wanted to talk to him about?

5. When was Jack's next meeting? Who was it with?

6. List three things in Jack's office.

7. What advice did Jack give to Johnny?

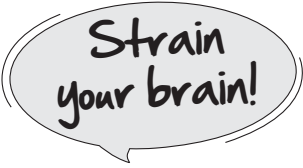
8. What lie did Johnny tell Mandy? Why do you think he told this lie?

9. Who was going into Jack's office when Johnny left?



1. How do you think Johnny felt when he saw a picture of Jack Taylor at his father's funeral? Why do you think this?

2. Do you think that Johnny's lie about the keys was a good lie? Why do you think this?



1. Imagine you are Mandy. What do you think of Jack Taylor and what do you think when Johnny is waiting?

Jack Taylor: _____

Johnny: _____



1. Do you think it was a good idea to go to Jack Taylor's office? Give three reasons why you think it was a good idea and three reasons why you think it was a bad idea.

1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

 **Key Personality – Jack Taylor** 

1. We've seen and heard a lot about Jack Taylor now. Name one skill that you think he has and then say what you think of him as a person.

Skill _____

Personality _____

In his shoes

Johnny has just found out that he may have a sister. Imagine that you are Johnny. What would you do if you were in his shoes? Would you try and contact Pippa directly yourself? Would you talk to your Mam about it?

Write down what you think you would do. Write at least 3 sentences.



1. You are now half way through the book. List three things that you think that will happen in the rest of the story.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Half way summary – fill out the boxes based on the titles

People in story	Main Events so far

Chapter
5

“Snow and Fire”



1. What time did Johnny get back to the estate at?

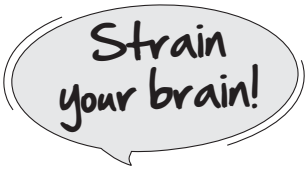
2. How many flights of stairs did they have to walk up?

3. What threat did the kid in the lift shout at Toog?




1. A gang member is described as an ‘Eminem look-alike’. Describe what he looked like.

2. If you were making this book into a film, name five things you would put into the landing where the fight happened (eg. Graffiti, rubbish, etc).



Johnny, his friends and family are in danger by the end of the chapter. If you were in this situation, what would you do to protect everyone? Write out your plan of action below, taking into account that you're seventeen floors up and you cannot call the police.

 Key Personality – Toog 

1. Toog does a lot of fighting and violent things in the book. Do you think he is a good or bad person? Why?

Chapter
6



“The Night Goes On”

1. Where did Marcus and his family stay that night?

2. What was the first thing Johnny said to Della that night?

3. “She put her hand up _____ her head and pouted her lips like a _____”. *(Fill in the blanks)*

4. What two drinks did Miss Delgado offer to people?

5. What did Marcus ask Johnny?

6. What suddenly happened that stopped the two boys talking?



1. “It didn’t look like talking”, Mrs. Hood says. What do you think the scene looked like to her when she walked in?

2. Some words in this chapter are very difficult. Find the definition for each of these words and learn to spell them with the help of another student:

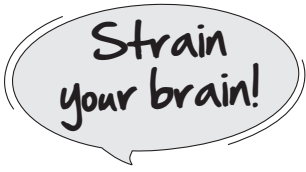
• Ransack: _____

• Glisten: _____

• Investigation: _____

• Affair: _____

3. At one stage in this chapter, the word “friends” is in italics. Why do you think it is written like this?



1. Johnny told Marcus all about going to visit Jack Taylor. Imagine that conversation. What way do you think it would go? Write out the dialogue (conversation) you think they would have had.

Johnny: _____

Marcus: _____

Johnny: _____

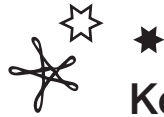
Marcus: _____

Johnny: _____

Marcus: _____

Johnny: _____

Marcus: _____



Key Personality – Mrs. Hood



1. We don't see a lot of Mrs. Hood in the book until this chapter. Based on your reading of this chapter, what type of person do you think she is? Give a reason for your answer.

Chapter
7



“Going Up”

1. How many were in the group of men around Jack Taylor?

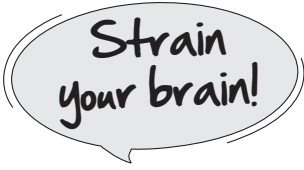
2. What did Johnny say he was trying to do?

3. What did Marcus think that Taylor would do first?

4. Who did Toog hit?



1. What do you think that Miss Delgado was doing in the flat for so long before they all went up to the roof?



1. Miss Delgado and Johnny seemed annoyed with each other because she had never told Johnny what had happened to his father and Johnny felt he could not ask her. Imagine if they decided to talk about this issue. What do you think they would say to each other? Write the conversation.

Johnny: _____

Miss Delgado: _____

Johnny: _____

Miss Delgado: _____

Johnny: _____

Miss Delgado: _____

Johnny: _____

Miss Delgado: _____

 **You are Jack Taylor!** 

Imagine that you are Jack Taylor. You are a criminal and have done lots of bad things in the past. Now the son of a man who was killed because of you is starting to interfere in your business. Write about what you think of Johnny. What do you plan to do to him? Why? Write at least four sentences.

 **Key Personality – Della Hood** 

1. What kind of impact do you think Della has on Johnny? Do you think she makes him act differently? How?

Chapter
8



“You’re On Your Own, Jack”

1. What sign was on the door?

2. How did Marcus hide Della and Mrs. Hood?

3. How many people joined them on the roof?

4. What kind of stuff do Mexicans grow up with according to Taylor?

5. What description did Johnny give of his dad?

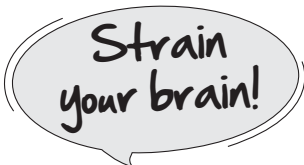
6. What did Miss Delgado pull from her bag?

7. What happened to Taylor?



1. When they get to the roof, Miss Delgado says “We all need our secret places, Johnny.” What do you think that she meant by this? What other secrets do you think she is hiding?

2. Do you think that Taylor was scared when Miss Delgado was pointing the gun at him? Give two reasons.



1. We get the impression that Miss Delgado is keeping secrets in this chapter. Imagine she kept a diary to write down all her secrets. Write a diary entry that you think she would write.

Date: _____

Who fired the gun?

Both Johnny's Mam and Danny had a gun. They both had reasons to shoot Jack Taylor. Who do you think shot him? There is no right or wrong answer. Write down who you think shot Taylor and why they did it. Write at least three sentences.

Chapter
9



"The Truth"

1. Who shot Taylor?

2. What did Taylor tell Johnny?

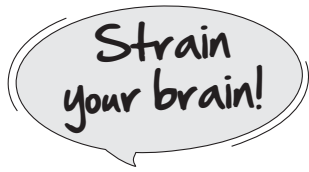
3. What rumours has Johnny heard?

4. What gang are taking control?

5. What does Johnny plan to ask his mother?



1. We know that Danny shot Taylor but if he hadn't, do you think that Miss Delgado would have? Why do you think this?



Johnny is really worried about asking his mother about everything. Imagine that he decides to write her a note instead. Write the note you think he'd write to her and all the questions he would ask her.



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

1. Did you like the book?

2. What did you like or dislike about the book?

3. What was your favourite part of the book?

4. Find five words in the book that you would like to learn to spell. Find their definitions in the dictionary and then learn to spell the words.

a. _____ = _____

b. _____ = _____

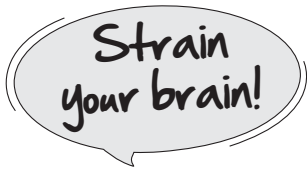
c. _____ = _____

d. _____ = _____

e. _____ = _____



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Imagine a publisher has asked you to write another chapter for this book.
Write the first page of this chapter and list everything that you would put into it.
