

Reading

Activity 1

Read chapter 17.

Why was Squid's comment the wrong thing to say?

What did Armpit mean when he said, "I had to . . . you know . . . go."?

Explain why Zigzag's reaction might make the reader feel surprised.

Activity 2

Read chapter 18.

"His muscles and hands weren't the only parts of his body that had toughened over the past several weeks." Can you explain what this means?

Why does Stanley laugh in this chapter?

Explain why Stanley is telling his mum he has been swimming and rock climbing.

Activity 3

Read from the start of chapter 19 to the bottom of page 37.

Why do you think Squid reacted so angrily when Stanley asked if he was okay?

Why does Stanley quickly drink the last of his water?

What does Magnet mean when he says, "My fingers are like little magnets."?

Activity 4

Read from the top of page 38 to the end of chapter 19.

Explain why you think Stanley took the blame for stealing and eating the sunflower seeds.

Try to give as much detail as you can.

Activity 5

Read chapter 20.

The author uses lots of different types of sentences.

Each of these sentences have appeared in the book so far.

Match them up with the correct type by drawing lines.

“Hey, watch it!”		Question
“Do you know why his name’s Zero?”		Rhetorical question
“Wait!”		Interruption
“Do you think this place looks like fun?”		Exclamation
“Sir, I’m tired of digging, could I-” “You’ll dig until you’re told to stop”		Command

Why do you think the warden says “Unfortunately for you.” at the end of the chapter?