

## Reading

[http://www.hayatschool.com/kuwait/articles/Holes\\_by\\_Louis\\_Sachar1.pdf](http://www.hayatschool.com/kuwait/articles/Holes_by_Louis_Sachar1.pdf)

This week's reading is from chapter 29 onwards of Holes.

### Activity 1

Read chapter 29

1. What do the words 'unbearably hot' and 'electricity in the air' make us think about the setting of Camp Green Lake at this point in the book?
2. Find a word or phrase that suggests the mountains Stanley saw weren't what he had expected.

### Activity 2

Read chapter 30

1. How do you think the choice of setting will influence how the story continues?
2. What do you think will happen next? Use evidence from the text in your answer.

### Activity 3

Read chapter 31

1. Tick the box to show if the statement is fact or opinion at this point in the story.

Statement	Fact	Opinion
Zero is stupid		
The warden wears rattlesnake venom nail polish		
There was a mountain shaped like a Big Thumb		
Mr Pendanski had two black eyes		
Stanley was lying about where Zero was to the Warden		

2. "I don't think I can erase him completely from all the state files," said Mr. Pendanski. "Too many cross-references. But I can make it so it would be very difficult for anyone to ever find a record of him. Like I said, though, no one will ever look. No one cares about Hector Zeroni." "Good," said the Warden.

What can you learn from this section of the chapter?

#### **Activity 4**

Read up chapter 32 and 33 and answer these VIPERS questions

V – Why does Mr Sir say ‘This isn’t a Girl Scout camp’ when he is talking to Twitch about digging a hole all day? Why is this an old fashioned and incorrect statement to make?

I – What was Twitch thinking when Stanley stole the truck? Why would he think this? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

P – Predict what Stanley might find as he continues to walk into the desert.

E – Once Stanley has stolen the truck at the beginning of page 66, the author uses short sentences to explain what is happening. Why do you think this is? What effect does it have?

R – Why was Twitch given his nickname?

S – Order the events below

1. Stanley steals the truck
2. Mr Sir fills X-Ray’s canteen
3. Stanley crashes the truck into a hole
4. A new boy joins the group
5. Stanley sees a hole full of lizards

#### **Activity 5**

Ready chapter 34

1. Find an example of a simile that describes ‘Sploosh’

Can you think of your own sentences to describe food items using similes?

2. Explain why the boat was good place to take shelter. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.