

Oliver Twist

Book key

1.1 Open answers

1.2 Open answers

1 a, because the boys are all hungry and he is chosen to ask.

2 a, because the workhouse doesn't want to keep an ungrateful trouble-maker.

3 b, because the Sowerberrys don't want him in their rooms.

4 a, because he has been beaten, and is unhappy and unloved.

2.1 1 ✓ 2 ✓ 3 ✗ 4 ✓ 5 ✗ 6 ✗

2.2 1 a dies b name, father c S
d workhouse, food e dark, beaten
f parents g bad h meat

2 fearless > frightened

2.3 1 hadn't had, came

2 beat, had asked

3 had been, took

4 was given, hadn't eaten

5 shouted, had hit

6 looked, wasn't, had run away

2.4 Open answers (C, D)

3.1 1 Fagin 2 Dawkins 3 A constable
4 The bookshop owner 5 Mr Brownlow
6 Nancy

3.2 A 4 B 5 C 1 D 3 E 6 F 2

3.3 1 Oliver was given some food by a boy called Dawkins.

2 Boys are taught by Fagin to steal purses and handkerchiefs.

3 'The thief has been caught!'

4 The handkerchief had not been taken by Oliver.

5 Will Oliver be sent to prison?

6 'Why are the marks being taken off the handkerchiefs?'

3.4 Open answers

4.1 1 as long as he wants 2 five, books 3 Bill Sikes
4 Fagin 5 Mr Brownlow 6 burglary

7 someone inside the house 8 leave him there

4.2 1 a 3 b 2 c 7 d 4 e 5 f 8 g 1 h 6

2 a Oliver b Sikes c Toby d Brittles

4.3 1 Oliver spent a lot of time with Mrs Bedwin, who was kind to him.

2 The woman in the picture, whose eyes were very sad, looked like Oliver.

3 That picture, which usually hung in Mrs Bedwin's bedroom, had been moved the next day.

4 ✓

5 ✓

6 Mr Brownlow gave Oliver money, which he put in his pocket.

7 Bill Sikes stopped Oliver returning to Mr Brownlow, which upset Oliver.

8 ✓

9 ✓

10 Oliver worried about Mr Brownlow, who was waiting for him to return.

4.4 Open answers

5.1 Oliver's *arm* is badly hurt *but he walks to a house*, where servants find him. They take him inside. He is visited by a *doctor*, and then lives happily with the ladies of the house. *An old gentleman* teaches him reading and writing. One evening, Oliver sees Fagin with a man who *was behaving strangely at an inn*. He is very frightened, *and calls for the servants*. Mr Bumble arranges a meeting between the same man, Monks, and a woman who has some *jewellery* that belonged to Oliver's mother. Monks *throws the jewellery in the river*.

5.2 1 Because they expected to see a man, not a small boy.

2 Because Rose is ill, and he has to take a letter to the doctor.

3 Because Monks shouts at him and tries to hit him.

4 Because she wanted Old Sally to keep it for her child.

5.3 1 such 2 such a 3 such an 4 such 5 such
6 such a

5.4 Open answers

6.1 1 b 2 a 3 b 4 b 5 b

6.2 Open answers

6.3 1 killed, would tell

2 would be, knew

3 were able to, would they do

4 would Fagin feel, saw

5 would cry, told

6 would not mind, died

6.4 Open answers

Talk about it Open answers

Write about it Open answers

Project Open answers

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Discussion activities key

1–3 Open answers

- 4 Suggested answers: burglar, shoplifter, pickpocket, car thief, mugger, murderer, arsonist, fraudster, blackmailer, hijacker, kidnapper, rapist. Possible sentences: capital punishment, prison, suspended sentence, fine, community service.
- 5 Suggested answers: Fireplace, table, bed, sheets, chair, handkerchiefs, jacket, hat, kettle, carpet, floorboards, washing line, mantelpiece, wood.
- 6 Open answers
- 7 Suggested answers: *Bookshop*. Oliver has to take some books and money back to the bookshop. It is near the bookshop that Sikes and Nancy catch him. *Small window*. Oliver has to climb through a small window to let Sikes and Crackit into a house. *A lamp*. When Oliver drops a lamp the noise wakes up the servants and he is shot. *A picture*. Oliver says that the picture of a lady on the wall has a sad face and Mr Brownlow thinks the lady looks like Oliver. *Hanged*. Fagin scares Oliver by saying one of the boys was hanged after running away from him.
- 8 Open answers
- 9 Mr Giles
- 10 Suggested answers: *Nancy*. Very unhappy and poor. They are probably unemployed or dead. She likes going to pubs and dancing. She works for Sikes. Her house is probably like Fagin's. *Rose*. Very comfortable. They work as doctors or lawyers or for the government. Playing the piano and going for walks. She doesn't work. Her house is clean and pleasant.
- 11 Suggestions: Jack the Ripper, Sweeney Todd, Macbeth, Hannibal Lector, Dr Crippen, Charles Manson.

12–13 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

- 1 a ring b supper c notice d soldier e mad
f murder
- 2 a heart b death c stick d hall
e handkerchief f washed
- 3 a pockets b pleasant c behaved d dirtiest
e secret f bookshop
- 4 a old > evil
b tall > strong
c watches > purses
d sunrise > sunset
e eggs > meat
f cigarettes > pipes

- 5 a Bill Sikes b Mr Grimwig c Mrs Bedwin
d Jack Dawkins e Fagin f Toby Crackit
- 6 narrow–wide
dead–alive
heavily–lightly
found–lost
pull–push
forward–backward
- 7 a thief b ashamed c hurry d glad e weep
f whispering
- 8 a Outside an inn.
b In a house near the river.
c Because Rose was getting better.
d He worked on his lessons.
e An old gentleman.
f The piano.
- 9 a at b in c seeing d in e to f on
- 10 a Where did Nancy talk to Rose?
b Who heard the conversation between Nancy and Mr Brownlow?
c What did Rose offer Nancy?
d What was Fagin afraid of?
e What did Sikes throw into the fire?
f Why didn't Sikes shoot his/the pistol?
- 11 a In an old house on Jacob's Island.
b A picture of a girl and other things.
c Blood.
d Giving information about criminals to the police.
e Mr Grimwig.
f Half of all his property.
- 12 a marriage b chimney c workhouse
d murder e destroy f colleagues
- 13–14 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a 4 b 6 c 3 d 7 e 1 f 8 g 9 h 10
i 5 j 2
- 2 a pale b shadows c innocent d river e papers
f wild g wasted h prove i coat j listened
- 3 a Because Oliver asked for more food.
b Because she had talked to Brownlow and Rose.
c They thought he would tell the police about them.
d She heard Monks and Fagin talking.
e He thought she was tired of Sikes's cruel behaviour.
f He thought it would lead the police to him.
g In a dark room.
h So Fagin could make him steal things.
i Nancy's eyes.
j He thought he was a thief.

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4 a ✗ b ✓ c ✓ d ✗ e ✓ f ✗ g ✗ h ✗
i ✗ j ✗

5 a sad b weeks c a workhouse d single e tall
f made g handkerchiefs h a policeman i friend
j five