

CHARLES DICKENS LESSON - page 6



Part 1

COMPREHENSION

Read and listen. Then answer the questions below.



Comprehension check:

- 1) Which century did Ch. Dickens live in?
- 2) What was the reason of his father's imprisonment?
- 3) What was the social background of his book characters?
- 4) What was the name of his famous Christmas story?
- 5) How old was Ch. Dickens when he died?

Part 2

VOCABULARY IN USE

*Read the excerpt from Oliver Twist. Complete the text by choosing the correct expressions **A**, **B** or **C**.*

The evening arrived; the boys took their places. The master, in his **01** uniform, stationed himself at the copper; his poor assistants ranged **02** behind him; the gruel was **03** out; and a long grace was said over the short commons. The gruel disappeared; the boys whispered each other, and winked at Oliver; while his next neighbors nudged him. Child as he was, he was **04** with hunger, and reckless with misery. He rose from the table; and advancing to the master, basin and spoon in hand, said: "Please, sir, I want some more."

The master was a fat, **05** man; but he turned very pale. He gazed in stupefied astonishment on the small rebel **06** some seconds, and then clung for support to the copper. The assistants were paralysed with wonder; the boys with fear. "What!" said the master at length, in a faint voice.

“ 07, sir,” replied Oliver, “I want some more.” The master aimed a blow at Oliver’s head with the ladle; trapped him in his arm; and shrieked aloud for an official.

- 01 A cook’s B cooker’s C chief’s
- 02 A himself B themself C themselves
- 03 A serve B serving C served
- 04 A tired B desperate C amused
- 05 A health B healthy C healthily
- 06 A for B in C –
- 07 A Pleased B Please C Pleasing

Part 3

GRAMMAR

Read the text from Part 2 once again and then choose the correct ending of each of the following sentences.

01 The prayer

- A) had been said before the meal was served.
- B) was said after the meal had been served.
- C) was said while the meal was being served.

02 Oliver Twist

- A) asked for more after he had finished the meal.
- B) had asked for more before he finished the meal.
- C) was asking for more while he was eating his meal.

03 The master

- A) had turned pale before Oliver addressed him.
- B) turned pale after Oliver had addressed him.
- C) was turning pale while Oliver was talking.

04 The assistants

- A) had left before Oliver began to talk.
- B) stood behind the master after Oliver had talked.
- C) were standing behind the master while Oliver was speaking.

05 The master

- A) had hit Oliver before he called for an official.
- B) hit Oliver after he had called for an official.
- C) was hitting Oliver while he was calling for an official.

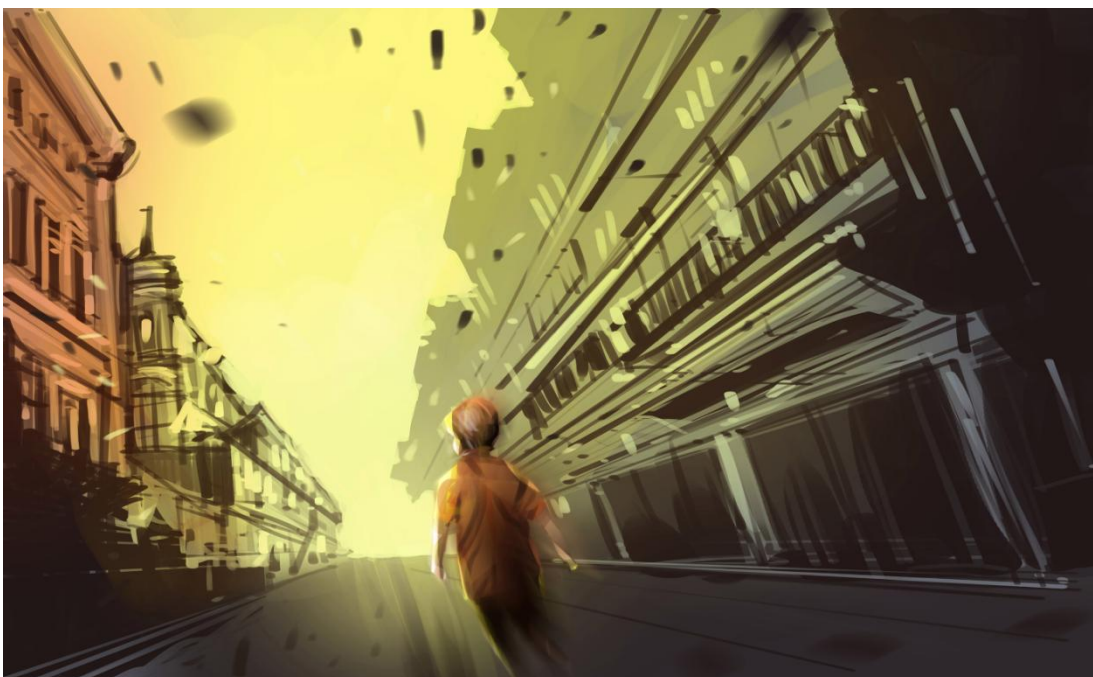
Part 4

DISCUSSION

Think about the importance of reading books. Do you agree with the following statements? Explain.

- Young people should read more books than they do.
- I love reading books.
- Obligatory reading at school is a great idea.

Look at the following picture and imagine it's a book illustration. What do you think the book is about? Why?



Part 5

WRITING

Recommend a book to one of your friends in 160-180 words. Include the following:

- The title of the book and who wrote it
- What it is about
- Why you think it is worth reading