

'The Punishment'



Read the first part of the chapter (up to the end of the school section).

1. Why are they being punished? What makes their punishment particularly cruel?
2. This list of events has been mixed up. Can you number them to show the correct order?

Number	What happened:
	Rose knocked on the window when Dinah stopped sweeping.
	Rose told Lloyd, Harvey and Dinah to put their coats, hats and gloves indoors.
	All the prefects pushed the children into the pile of snow.
	Jeff gave brooms to Dinah and the boys and told them to sweep up all of the snow in the playground.
	They made all of the snow into snowballs.
	Lloyd tried to argue with the prefects to protect Harvey from the punishment.
	The wind started to blow, making it hard to get all of the snow into a pile.
	Dinah was so furious that she marched off to see the Headmaster.
	Dinah stopped sweeping to put her arms round herself to try to warm up a bit.

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3. How do people feel?

Find some evidence from this chapter to support each of these statements.
(Remember to use quotation marks if you copy parts out of the text.)

Point	Evidence	Explanation
Rose enjoys the idea of Dinah, Lloyd and Harvey suffering.		
Lloyd is angry with Dinah.		
Lloyd argues back for Harvey's sake.		
Harvey found it extremely difficult to do the punishment.		
Dinah feels that they have won when they finish making the snowballs.		
Rose isn't worried by Dinah's threat to tell the Headmaster.		

5. Re-write the story of the punishment from Rose's point of view.

6. Predict what happens next:

- (a) In groups of 4, discuss what you think will happen when the children get home and tell Mrs Hunter.
- (b) Make some notes on your ideas and use them to prepare a short role-play.

7. In your groups, read to the end of the chapter. Were there any similarities between the story and your role-play? What were the main differences?

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2. Why did Lloyd not want Harvey to do the punishment?
3. This list of events has been mixed up. Can you number them to show the correct order?

Number	What happened:
	Rose knocked on the window when Dinah stopped sweeping.
	Lloyd, Harvey and Dinah had to put their coats, hats and gloves indoors.
	All the prefects pushed the children into the pile of snow.
	Dinah and the boys swept up all the snow into a big pile.
	The children made all of the snow into snowballs.
	Dinah was so furious that she marched off to see the Headmaster.

How do people feel?

4. Fill in the gaps with the correct names to show who feels what.

1) enjoys the idea of Dinah, Lloyd and Harvey suffering.	2) is angry with Dinah.	3) argues back for Harvey's sake.
4) found it extremely difficult to do the punishment.	5) feels that they have won when they finish making the snowballs.	6) isn't worried by Dinah's threat to tell the Headmaster.

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5. Match these pieces of evidence to the statements in question 4.

- a. She was 'shaking with merriment.'
- b. He said, 'But you can't do that!'
- c. He said, 'I don't think I can do it.'
- d. She had 'a pleased smile on her face.'
- e. He 'banged his broom crossly into the snow.'
- f. She put the last snowballs 'triumphantly on top of the pile.'

6. Tell the story of the punishment from Rose's point of view. You can do this as a piece of writing or as a storyboard, including a description of each frame.

Remember:

- she was watching through the window
- she could see what they did
- she couldn't hear what they were saying to each other
- try to include some of Rose's thoughts and feelings

Predicting what happens next

7. In groups of four, discuss what you think will happen when the children get home and tell Mrs Hunter. Remember to include details of how you felt and why the punishment was cruel.

8. Make some notes on your ideas and use them to prepare a short role-play.

Comparing versions

9. In your groups, read to the end of the chapter. Were there any similarities between the story and your role-play? What were the main differences?