

V. About a boy.

Complete the text with the words from the box. Dopolni besedilo z besedami iz okvirja.

apologize care instructs smashes reluctantly unwilling bullying floor
befriends acquaintance responsibly extremes dating avoiding imaginary

Will is a son of a man who made a fortune with a song, so he can dedicate his time to shopping, reading, watching TV and 1) _____ women. He goes to such 2) _____ that he joins a single parents' group (SPAT), where he meets Suzie and invents a son, Ned. Will goes to the SPAT picnic with Suzie and meets Marcus. Will is 3) _____ answering questions about his 4) _____ son, and Marcus is concerned he might have killed a duck by throwing sandwiches at it. Will persuaded the park keeper it was not Marcus's fault. When they get back to Marcus's house, they find Fiona, half on the sofa, half on the 5) _____. Will enjoys conversations with Fiona, but she is not his type. Things become complicated when one day Marcus turns up at Will's place, realising there is no son or any woman.

Marcus starts visiting Will on a regular basis after school. Will is concerned Marcus might talk, but they soon strike a good relationship. When Will realises Marcus is a victim of 6) _____, he takes him shopping and gets him new trainers. Sadly, they get stolen the following day. Fiona finds out what has been going on and forbids Marcus to see Will. Marcus 7) _____ the school rebel no 1, Ellie.

Marcus invites Will to his house for Christmas. Will hates Christmas but accepts the invitation 8) _____. At first, he has a good time but then Suzie arrives and she gets angry with Will for having lied about his son. On New Year's Eve, Will falls in love for the first time. To appeal to Rachel, his new 9) _____, he pretends that Marcus is his son. Marcus goes along with that, but quickly Rachel's twelve year old son Ali and Marcus have an argument. Marcus runs away, but Will persuades him to go back and they are friends.

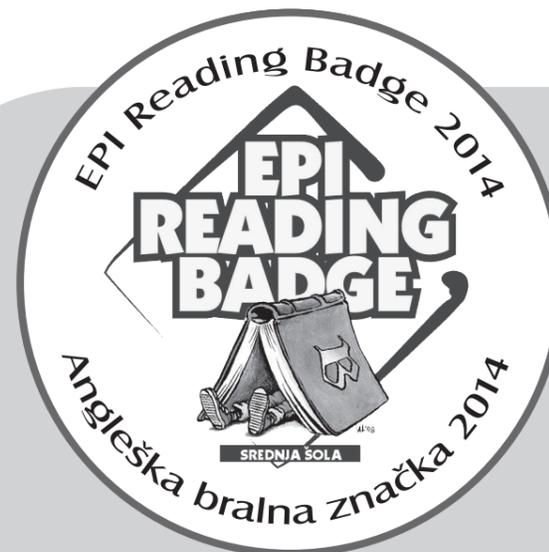
Fiona gets very depressed again and Marcus asks Will to help. Will is 10) _____ at first, but after consulting Rachel, she offers to talk to Fiona. Fiona 11) _____ Marcus to go to Cambridge to see his father, who has broken his arm, and Ellie ends up going with him. The day they travel, newspapers publish the death of a famous singer. Ellie drinks too much, jumps off the train and 12) _____ the window of a shop that displays the pop star image. Marcus and Ellie are taken to the police station and they tell their story. Marcus's dad and his girlfriend arrive and then Fiona, Will and Ellie's mum get there. Ellie is told to 13) _____ to the shop owner in person. Marcus has a long chat with his dad, so Marcus is made aware that he has people who 14) _____ and he can cope. Will also changes his life and starts acting 15) _____.

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SKUPNO ŠTEVILO TOČK: _____/60



3. letnik srednje šole



Ime in priimek: _____

Letnik: _____

Šola: _____

Datum: _____

Točke: _____ / 60

Pozdravljen-a! Veseli smo, da sodeluješ pri angleški bralni znački. Upamo, da so ti bile prebrane knjige všeč. Želimo ti veliko uspeha pri reševanju nalog.



I. Which book deals with the topics below?

Write **M** for Misery, **A** for About a Boy or **B** for both.

- 1. lying to people _____
- 2. sexual relationships _____
- 3. being arrested _____
- 4. being in love _____
- 5. being mentally unstable _____
- 6. experiencing extreme physical pain _____
- 7. listening to music _____
- 8. reading books _____

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II. Misery Put the events from the story in the correct order. Uredi zaporedje dogodkov.

- a) She buys him a second-hand typewriter which lacks the letter »n«.
- b) Paul gives Annie 400 US\$ to pay her taxes.
- c) She nearly kills Paul with a jug of water because she is upset.
- d) She kills the police officer who comes to check the house.
- e) While she goes out to buy decent writing paper, Paul get a supply of medicines from the bathroom.
- f) Paul wakes up in bed & meets Annie Wilkies who tells him he is near Sidewinder, Colorado.
- g) She makes him burn his book because she does not like it.
- h) Paul burns the fake typescript & struggles with Annie; eventually she dies.

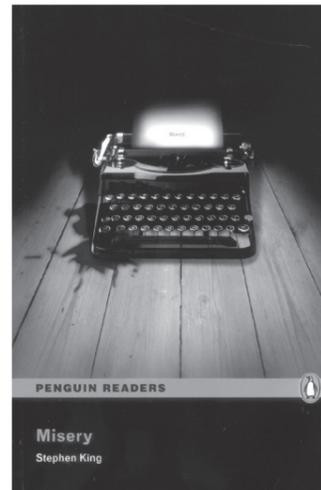
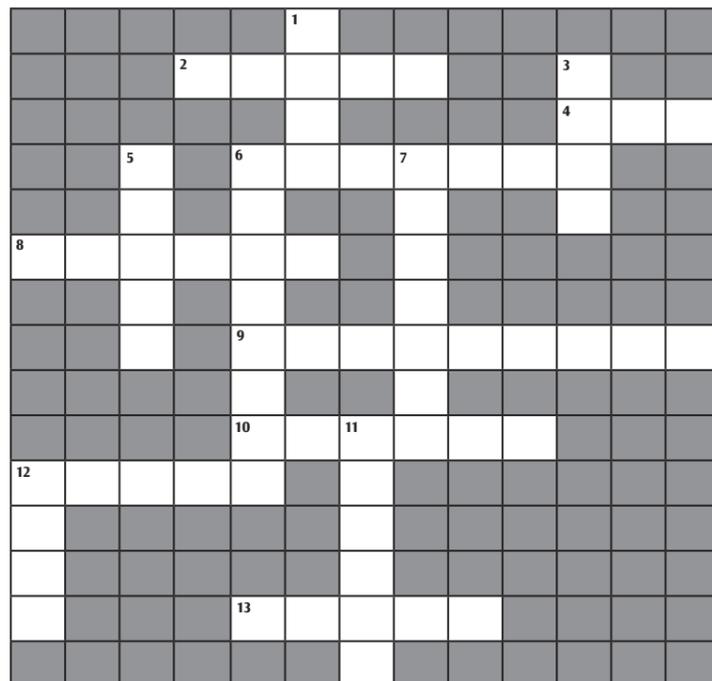
- i) Annie keeps giving him a powerful drug, Novril.
- j) Doctors make him an excellent left foot and his legs get better.
- k) When Annie goes to her Laughing Place, Paul contemplates a suicide.
- l) When she returns and realizes Paul has been out of the room several times, she cuts off his foot with an axe.

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III. Misery Read the clues and complete the crossword. Preberi iztočnice in reši križanko.



Across

- 2. to be unable to breathe because sth is stopping air getting into the lungs
- 4. a tool with a wooden handle and a heavy metal head with a sharp edge, used for cutting wood
- 6. a small painful area of skin that looks like a bubble and contains clear liquid
- 8. a large animal with wings, which can breathe fire
- 9. a machine that is used for cutting grass in a garden
- 10. great unhappiness or suffering
- 12. the part that is left after something has been cut down, broken off
- 13. to hit somebody/something hard with your closed hand

Down

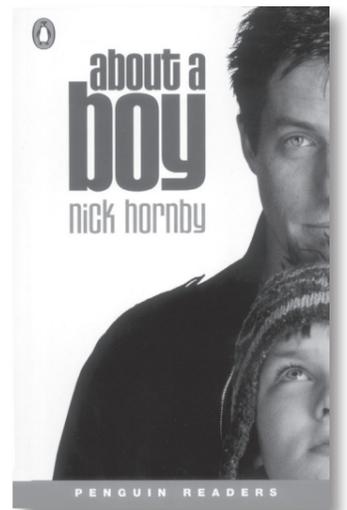
- 1. that smells or tastes disgusting
- 3. a large building on a farm in which crops or animals are kept
- 5. old and not fresh any more
- 6. a tool with a very hot flame that you can point at a surface, for example to remove paint
- 7. a plastic tube with a needle that is used for taking blood or giving drugs
- 11. a piece of wood or metal that is tied to a broken arm or leg to keep it in the right position
- 12. to let out a long, deep breath that shows you are tired, sad, disappointed, bored

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IV. About a boy

Multiple choice. Zapiši pravilen odgovor v spodnjo tabelo.

1. Will Freeman is 36 without a job. Occasionally he writes to employers. However, he gets invites for an interview
 - a) often
 - b) never
 - c) hardly ever.
2. Before moving to London, Marcus and Fiona lived in
 - a) Barcelona
 - b) Brighton
 - c) Cambridge.
3. For six months, Will was going out with Angie, a
 - a) single mum of 2
 - b) pop star
 - c) distant relative.
4. When Angie ends the relationship, Will attends meetings of
 - a) depressed people
 - b) single parents
 - c) alcoholics anonymous.
5. In the park Marcus kills a duck by throwing at it.
 - a) stones
 - b) loaves
 - c) sandwiches
6. Marcus and Will befriend each other and Will buys Marcus trainers.
 - a) Adidas
 - b) Nike
 - c) Reebok.
7. At school, Marcus meets a girl called Ellie, who tells him the guy on her T-shirt is called
 - a) Kurt Cobain
 - b) Hurt O'Dane
 - c) Kirk O'Bane.
8. Marcus leads Ellie onto the train with her eyes shut because he is afraid she'll
 - a) go home
 - b) see the bad news
 - c) get lost in the crowd.
9. On the train to visit his father, Ellie drinks a bottle of
 - a) fizzy
 - b) vodka
 - c) cider.
10. In the end, Will knows Marcus will be ok, because he doesn't want to sing to a song by
 - a) Joni Mitchell
 - b) Kurt Cobain
 - c) One Direction.



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