



**Ark Pioneer learning at Home
Core Curriculum
English Language W15**

Work to be completed

Note: For English, it is easier to do 3 days of 1 hour literature lessons, and 2 days of 1 hour English language lessons rather than the recommended 30 mins a day of core subjects.

Lesson 1.1 - Do Now

Describe what you see in this picture (50 words):



Lesson 1.2 - Reading

Read the following extract from Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix at least twice.



Listen to this audio and follow along with the text! → [HP.m4a](#)

Extract from 'Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix'

Harry and his cousin Dudley find the atmosphere in a local alley way suddenly change...



Something had happened to the night. The star-strewn indigo sky was suddenly pitch-black and lightless — the stars, the moon, the misty streetlamps at either end of the alley had vanished. The distant grumble of cars and the whisper of trees had gone. The balmy evening was suddenly, piercingly, biting cold. They were surrounded by total, impenetrable, silent darkness, as though some giant hand had dropped a thick, icy mantle over the entire alleyway, blinding them.

For a split second Harry thought he had done magic without meaning to, despite the fact that he'd been resisting as hard as he could — then his reason caught up with his senses — he didn't have the power to turn off the stars. He turned his head this way and that, trying to see something, but the darkness pressed on his eyes like a weightless veil.

Dudley's terrified voice broke in Harry's ear.

"W-what are you d-doing? St-stop it!"

"I'm not doing anything! Shut up and don't move!"

"I c-can't see! I've g-gone blind! I —"

"I said shut up!"

Harry stood stock-still, turning his sightless eyes left and right.



The cold was so intense that he was shivering all over; goose bumps had erupted up his arms, and the hairs on the back of his neck were standing up — he opened his eyes to their fullest extent, staring blankly around, unseeing. His heart thumped in his chest.... It was impossible. . . They couldn't be here. . . Not in Little Whinging . . . He strained his ears. . . He would hear them before he saw them. . .

"I'll t-tell Dad!" Dudley whimpered. "W-where are you? What are you d-do — ?"

"Will you shut up?" Harry hissed, "I'm trying to lis —"

But he fell silent. He had heard just the thing he had been dreading.

There was something in the alleyway apart from themselves, something

that was drawing long, hoarse, rattling breaths. Harry felt a horrible jolt of dread as he stood trembling in the freezing air.



Lesson 1.3 - Recall

Put the order of the events from the text in the correct order.

Dudley spoke in a terrified voice.		Harry's heart was thumping.	
The lights went out.		Harry yelled at Dudley to shut up.	
Harry looked around to see what had turned off the lights.		Harry saw something in the alleyway.	
It suddenly turned very cold.		Harry stood still.	

Lesson 1.4 – Comprehension

1. What happened to the light?
The light...
2. What happened to the weather?
The weather...
3. What does Harry think happened at first?
At first, Harry thinks...
4. How does Dudley behave?
Dudley behaves like...
5. How can we tell that Harry is worried?
We can tell Harry is worried because...
6. What does Harry notice at the end?
At the end, Harry notices...

Answers

1.3

Dudley spoke in a terrified voice.	4	Harry's heart was thumping.	7
The lights went out.	1	Harry yelled at Dudley to shut up.	5
Harry looked around to see what had turned off the lights.	3	Harry saw something in the alleyway.	8
It suddenly turned very cold.	2	Harry stood still.	6

1.4

1. What happened to the light?
The lights all turned off, even the moon and stars!
2. What happened to the weather?
The weather changed and became freezing cold.
3. What does Harry think happened at first?
At first, Harry thinks he might have used magic by mistake.
4. How does Dudley behave?
Dudley behaves like a coward. He 'whimpered' and moaned whilst Harry was trying to find out the source of the problem.
5. How can we tell that Harry is worried?
We can tell Harry is worried because he gets goose bumps, his heart thumps and he trembles.
6. What does Harry notice at the end?
At the end, Harry notices the sound of something breathing loudly. It is something he has been dreading!