

1 Match the two parts of the sentences about Charles Dickens. Draw lines between them.

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| 1 He was born                              | a because he owed money.                |
| 2 He wrote many famous books,              | b journalist when he was twenty.        |
| 3 His father was sent to prison            | c published in twenty-four parts.       |
| 4 Charles had to work in a factory because | d in 1812.                              |
| 5 He began work as a                       | e including <i>Great Expectations</i> . |
| 6 <i>Oliver Twist</i> was                  | f his father was in jail.               |

2a Write the correct names from the box under the pictures. Then match each character with what they said.

Sikes	Fagin	Oliver Twist	Monks
Rose	Nancy	Mr Bumble	Mr Brownlow



1 .....



2 .....



3 .....



4 .....



5 .....



6 .....



7 .....



8 .....

a ☐ You'd like to be able to make handkerchiefs as well as Charley, wouldn't you, my dear?

b ☐ Get me a rope, or I'll kill you and then myself!

c ☐ I couldn't come. Bill wouldn't let me leave the house.

d ☐ Perhaps he's never known a mother's love, or the peace of a home.

e ☐ Please, sir, I want some more.

f ☐ It makes the poor and homeless do nothing but complain, even if we give them bread and cheese to eat.

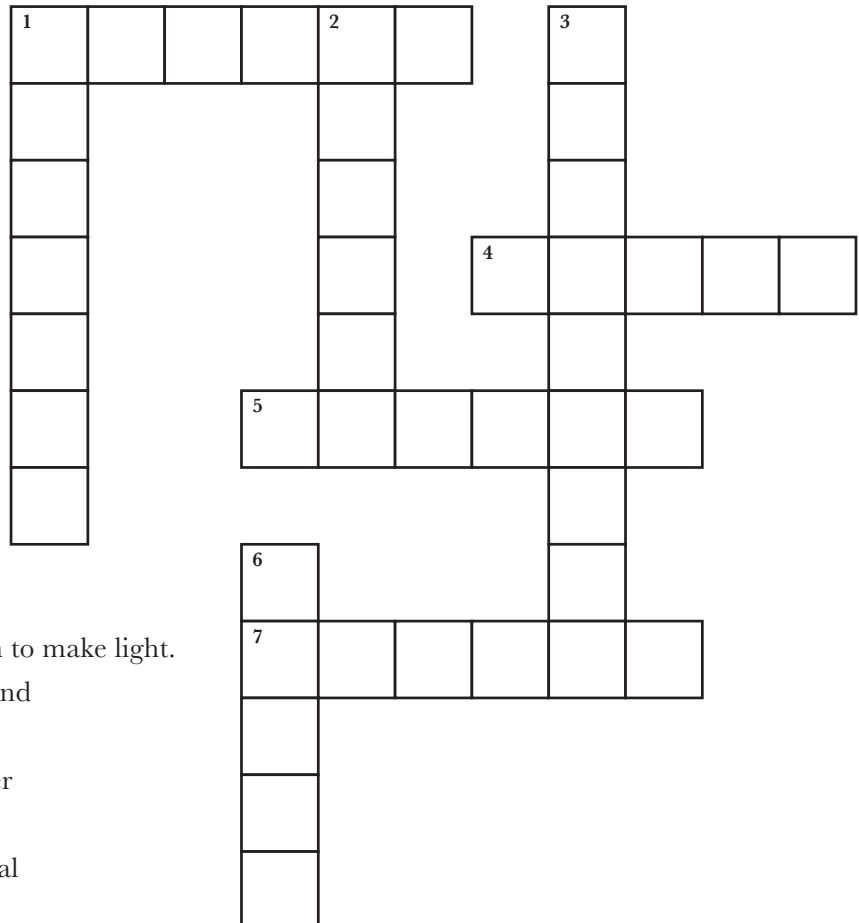
g ☐ You must give an innocent child what is his.

h ☐ I have no brother. You know that I was an only child.

**2b** What do the things the characters say in 2a show about who they are?

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....

**3** Do the crossword.






### Across




- 1 A ... is something that you burn to make light.
- 4 A long, thick row of plants around the edge of a field or garden.
- 5 A person is an ... if their mother and father are dead.
- 7 A ... is a person who tries to steal something from someone.

### Down

- 1 The thing that carries smoke from a fire out through the roof of a building.
- 2 You climb a ... to get to a higher place.
- 3 A ... person is very unhappy.
- 6 The long, low sound that a dog makes.

4 Look at the pictures from the story. Put them in the order they happen (1–6) and complete the table.

			
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**5 Read the sentences and write T (true) or F (false).**

- 1 The Artful Dodger's real name is Charley Bates. ....
- 2 Oliver gets caught again when he is returning some books for Mr Brownlow. ....
- 3 Oliver commits his first robbery with Fagin and Mr Bumble. ....
- 4 When Oliver goes back to see Mr Brownlow after being shot,  
he finds that Mr Brownlow has left for the Americas. ....
- 5 After Mr Bumble marries Mrs Corney, he gets a job as an undertaker. ....
- 6 Mrs Corney takes a silver bracelet from Old Sally after she dies. ....
- 7 After Sikes murders Nancy, he accidentally kills himself. ....
- 8 Rose is Oliver's sister. ....

**6 Compare the life of the poor in the book with today. Think about:**

- How many people were/are poor.
- Why were people poor in Dickens' time? Why are people poor today?
- How was the number of poor people reduced in the past? How can we reduce the number of poor people today?

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**7 All the bad things that happen in the book take place in the city. Nothing bad happens in the countryside. Do you think the countryside in nineteenth-century Britain was really like this?**

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