

## Before-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer.*
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*

## During-reading questions

### CHAPTER ONE

- 1 He is an important man and the leader of Germany (Hitler). He sits in Bruno's father's chair.
- 2 His parents have told him this.
- 3 Bruno's father gets a new uniform and the family move away from Berlin because of his job.

### CHAPTER TWO

- 1 The house in Berlin has five floors. It has lots of other big houses around it with other boys living in them. There are many streets around the house with cafés and a fruit and vegetable market. The house at Out-With only has three floors and it has no other houses around it. It is in a wide, empty area.
- 2 They see a huge wire fence, and behind that there are children, fathers, uncles and grandparents. There are soldiers there too. The people are wearing striped clothes, like pyjamas, and they have striped grey cloth caps on their shaved heads.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* they are everyone that is in a normal family. But Gretel then notices that there are no girls, so this is not quite true.

### CHAPTER THREE

- 1 He says, "They are not really people at all." *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* His father means the Jews are animals, not people.
- 2 Because he gave her a home and job after her mother became ill.
- 3 They lift their arms and say "Heil Hitler".

### CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Bruno does not like him because he calls Bruno "Little Man", and he is rude to Pavel.
- 2 Because Pavel is a doctor.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Her husband does not like Jews and she thinks that he will be angry with Pavel for helping Bruno.

### CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 They act little plays together.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because she does not like who he is working for and is angry that he has taken this job.

### CHAPTER SIX

- 1 The two boys are the same age and were born on the same day. But Shmuel is smaller and thinner than Bruno, and sadder. He is also Polish and Bruno is German. Bruno is wearing nice clothes but Shmuel has no shoes or socks and wears the striped pyjamas. He has an armband with a star on it.
- 2 They both had to suddenly leave their houses and move to Out-With.
- 3 He thinks that his family might not like him meeting with Shmuel.

### CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 He is frightened of him.
- 2 He wants to know why his father did not stay to fight the war. He thinks that he does not agree with the war and this is why he left. *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* this makes Lieutenant Kotler feel uncomfortable and maybe this is why he becomes angry with Pavel.
- 3 Pavel drops the wine on Kotler's knee and Kotler attacks him (and maybe kills him, because we do not meet Pavel again in the story).

## CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 They are given them when they arrive, and their other clothes are taken away.
- 2 He tells her that he is talking about an imaginary friend.
- 3 Because his father will think that he is mad.

## CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Because Lieutenant Kotler wants him to clean the glasses for the party with his small fingers.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because Bruno is very frightened. He thinks that Lieutenant Kotler and his father will be very angry with him if they know that he is friends with Shmuel.
- 3 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Lieutenant Kotler may hurt or kill him.

## CHAPTER TEN

- 1 To stop them from mixing with Bruno and his family, and other people ("the opposite") who are not Jews.
- 2 Because she finds a small egg in her hair. She has lice.
- 3 Because he has lice in his hair and his father decided it was easiest to shave his hair off.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because she knows what is happening to the Jews at Out-With (Bruno hears her say, "It's horrible. Really horrible. I don't want to be here anymore," to his father). Lieutenant Kotler has also had to leave, who she maybe loved.
- 2 Because he is looking for his father.
- 3 They plan for Bruno to put on some striped pyjamas and come under the fence to help Shmuel look for his father.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 1 Because he is wearing the same striped clothes as the other Jews and his hair is also shaved.
- 2 He imagined lots of happy families. He imagined mothers who sat outside and told stories to their children. He imagined children playing games and shops or cafés, and maybe a fruit and vegetable market. But there were only crowds of people standing or sitting together in striped clothes, looking at the ground. They are all very thin and look very sad.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*

## After-reading questions

- 1 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Maybe Gretel, because she is a young girl who liked dolls at the beginning of the story and does not like Bruno much. Later she becomes interested in the war. After Bruno dies, she stops being interested in the war and cries because she misses her brother. Bruno's mother also changes. At the beginning she is proud of her husband's uniform. She thinks that he looks handsome in it. Later she wants to leave Out-With because she thinks what is happening is horrible. Bruno's father also changes. At first he is proud of his new job. But after his son's death, he is horrible to the other soldiers and does not care what they do to him.
- 2 *Reader's own answer. Model answer:* Because he was in love with Bruno's mother and Bruno's father learnt about it.
- 3 *Reader's own answer.*
- 4 *Reader's own answer.*

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 true
- 2 false
- 3 false
- 4 false
- 5 true
- 6 false

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 wire
- 2 prepare
- 3 miss
- 4 sort out
- 5 pyjamas

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 Bruno saw his father **standing** with a group of five men.
- 2 Father **was sitting** behind the desk and he looked up from some papers when Bruno entered.
- 3 “Ah those people,” said father, nodding again because now he **understood**.
- 4 Then he **lifted** his arm in the air and said those two important words.
- 5 A few days later, Bruno was **lying** on his bed and looking at the dirty walls in his bedroom.
- 6 But the sound of a car door **closing** made her silent.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 1 Bruno
- 2 Gretel
- 3 Lieutenant Kotler
- 4 Pavel
- 5 Bruno’s mother
- 6 Bruno

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5 1 clothes
- 2 good-looking
- 3 acting
- 4 teacher
- 5 past

CHAPTER SIX

- 6 1 Gretel did not want to play with Bruno, **did she?**
- 2 Bruno loved exploring, **didn’t he?**
- 3 The small dark thing was a boy, **wasn’t it?**
- 4 The boy wasn’t very happy, **was he?**
- 5 The boys fought a lot, **didn’t they?**
- 6 Bruno didn’t have any food, **did he?**

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7 1 Why was Bruno late?
- 2 Why does Bruno think that Shmuel knows Pavel?
- 3 What does Shmuel want to do when he is older?
- 4 What did Lieutenant Kotler’s father do?
- 5 What did Pavel do to Kotler?
- 6 Did anyone try to stop Lieutenant Kotler?

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 8 1 c 2 f 3 a 4 e 5 c 6 d

CHAPTER NINE

- 9 1 c 2 e 3 b 4 a 5 d

CHAPTERS TEN AND ELEVEN

- 10 1 Grandmother
- 2 Lieutenant Kotler
- 3 Mother
- 4 Gretel
- 5 Shmuel

## CHAPTER TWELVE

- 11** 1 **When** did it stop raining?  
**It stopped raining when Herr Lizst was leaving.**
- 2 **What** did Shmuel give Bruno to wear?  
**He gave him some striped pyjamas.**
- 3 **Why** did Bruno have to take off his boots?  
**Because he did not want the soldiers / people to see that he was different from them / the other people.**
- 4 **How** did Bruno get to Shmuel's side of the fence? **Shmuel lifted the fence and Bruno lay down and pushed himself under it.**

**Project work**

*Reader's own answers.*