

# Billy Elliot

## Book key

- 1 a gloves  
b coal  
c proud  
d strike  
e Ballet  
f argue  
g hall  
h whispered  
i van  
j club
- 2 Open answers
- 3 a Tony  
b Nan  
c George  
d Jackie  
e Sarah  
f Michael  
g Mrs Wilkinson  
h Debbie
- 4 a Billy lives with his father, brother and grandmother.  
b Billy's mother died two years ago.  
c She left a letter for Billy, for his eighteenth birthday.  
d Billy's father and brother are on strike.  
e Billy goes to the boxing club.  
f The other boy wins the boxing match.  
g The girls in the hall are doing ballet.  
h The police are protecting the scabs.  
i Billy wants to learn the spin.
- 5 a They are on strike.  
b Margaret Thatcher's government wants to close the mines.  
c The miners hate the scabs. The scabs are breaking the strike and making it more difficult.
- 6–7 Open answers
- 8 a Mrs Wilkinson  
b a scab  
c George  
d Nan  
e Mrs Wilkinson  
f a dance  
g women's clothes  
h ballet moves
- 9 a fourth  
b can  
c angry  
d ballet  
e girls  
f rich  
g lose  
h Newcastle  
i purple dress  
j London
- 10–13 Open answers
- 14 a Billy shows Mrs Wilkinson his mum's letter.  
b Tony is angry because Jackie is weak.  
c Billy sees his mum in the kitchen.  
d Tony attacks a police horse.  
e Tony spends the night in the police station.  
f Billy misses the audition in Newcastle.  
g Jackie breaks up the piano to burn on the fire.  
h Billy dances in front of his father.
- 15 a Mrs Wilkinson is talking to Billy about his mother.  
b Tony is talking to Jackie about the strike.  
c Billy is talking to Mrs Wilkinson about the audition for the Royal Ballet School.  
d Jackie is talking to Billy about Billy's mother's record.  
e Mrs Wilkinson is talking to Jackie and Tony about the audition for the ballet school.  
f Billy is talking to Michael about his feelings.
- 16–19 Open answers
- 20 a ✓ b ✗ c 7 d ✓ e ✓ f 7 g ✓ h ✓
- 21 a Jackie wants to help his son. He knows that Billy is a good dancer. He has also 'listened' to his dead wife.  
b The audition is in London. Jackie needs money for the bus journey and a hotel.  
c The wedding ring helps Jackie to remember his dead wife. But he can sell it to help Billy.  
d He wants to earn money for the journey to London.  
e Tony takes Jackie away from the mine. Then he helps to find the money for Billy's audition.  
f Billy doesn't like London because it is very big and strange.  
g He doesn't like the people at the audition. He thinks they are posh. He is also frightened.  
h Billy is unhappy after dancing for the teachers in the audition. He thinks he danced badly. He doesn't want to talk to Simon, so he hits him.  
i After the fight, Jackie and Billy go back to Everington.

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22–23 Open answers

24 a 1 b 5 c 3 d 7 e 4 f 6 g 8 h 2

25 a ... he wants to help Billy.

b ... listen carefully.

c ... look at the letter.

d ... he wants him to dance.

e ... say goodbye to Billy's mum.

f ... kisses him.

g ... Billy is the main dancer there for the first time.

h ... jumps very high.

26–37 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

1–18 Open answers

### Activity worksheet key

1 a Nan to Billy, when she asks if the police are after Tony and Jackie.

b Tony, when Jackie doesn't go to the picket line with him.

c George, when he sees Billy trying to box.

d Miss Wilkinson, when she sees Billy dance.

e Billy, when he takes his dancing shoes home.

2 a go to prison: do something stupid

b a lot of money: a bag full of food

c Thursday: Friday

d red: purple

e Billy's: Michael's

3 Possible answers

a she was crying

b of eating bread

c a silly old man

d I was not trying

4 a 1

b 5

c 3

d 4

e 2

5 a boss: friend from school

b good money: scab money

c such good dancers: posh people

d laughing: crying

6 a ✓

b ✓

c ✗

d ✗

e ✓

7–8 Open answers

### Progress test key

1 a Jackie and Tony are interested in fighting, boxing and picket lines while Billy likes playing piano and hates fighting.

b Billy has to box because both his grandfather and father did so.

c He goes on strike because of his son Tony, but he is not sure whether pickets will change the situation in the mines.

d Jackie doesn't like hurting scabs, because he knows many of them.

e Billy's grandmother and mother could dance.

2 1 a

2 b

3 b

4 a

5 b

3 a audition

b spin

c pickets

d hammer

4 a ✓

b ✓

c ✗

d ✓

e ✗

f ✗

g ✓

5 a George

b Sarah's wedding ring

c go back to the mine to work

d decided to help his father

e bought raffle tickets

f his father was travelling to London for the first time.

g he did not want to dance at the audition.

6 a ✓

b ✗

c ✓

d ✓

7 a 3

b 5

c 1

d 2

e 4