

Billy Elliot

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While reading

Chapters 1–3

- 1 **Who said what? Work in pairs. Imagine who said the sentences below and when.**
- 'He doesn't answer my question because I'm right.'
 - 'He doesn't want to fight for us because he is afraid.'
 - 'I have never seen anyone dancing instead of fighting. I can't believe this.'
 - 'This boy can join the class. I'll get him some shoes.'
 - 'If they see these shoes they will be very angry.'

Chapters 4–6

- 2 **Underline the wrong information in the sentences and correct them.**
- Jackie was afraid that Tony might go to prison.
 - When Tony and Jackie saw Gary Stewart at the supermarket, he had a lot of money.
 - On Thursday morning the picket line was bigger.
 - When Billy visited Michael, he was wearing a red dress.
 - Billy's dad told him to be proud that he was different.

Chapters 7–9

- 3 **Billy writes about the things that worry him and make him happy but some information is missing. Finish the sentences.**
- Miss is a very good teacher and person. Today, after she read my mum's letter ...
 - We have no money and I'm tired ... bread every day.
 - Tony is angry with Dad because he believes he is ...
 - Miss is strange. She is very nice, but today she shouted at me because ...

Chapters 10–12

- 4 **Match and complete the sentences. Write 1–5.**
- When Mrs Wilkinson offered money to Jackie ...
 - Jackie thought that his wife, Sarah, ...
 - The bosses at the mine let Jackie leave because ...
 - George said that they had never ...

- Mrs Wilkinson and George said they would ...
- ... he said he wouldn't take it from her.
- ... give Jackie and Tony all their fifty pence from their classes.
- ... they saw he was ill.
- ... helped any ballet dancer before.
- ... wanted Billy to be a dancer.

Chapters 13–15

- 5 **Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.**
- Gary Stewart was Tony's boss.
 - If Tony found out about the money he would call it good money.
 - Billy's father thought that his son couldn't win against such good dancers.
 - After Billy read the letter, he started laughing.
- 6 **Are these right (3) or wrong (7)? What and who did Billy see on his last day in Everington?**
- the head teacher at school
 - the church
 - George
 - the scabs
 - his best friend

After reading

- 7 **Pair work: Imagine Billy is on TV. With another student, ask and answer questions.**
- Student A: Ask Billy about his childhood, his family, his town, his ballet classes, his best friend, his first girlfriend, the most difficult and the best moments.
- Student B (Billy): Answer all the questions telling things you have never told anyone before.
- 8 **Write: What does Billy think?**
- Imagine you are Billy's grandmother. Write out your feelings in your personal diary. Write about your daughter, your two grandsons, the strike, etc.
 - What did Billy think before, while and after reading the letter from the Royal Ballet School? Write his thoughts.

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Chapters 1–3

1 There are mistakes these sentences. Write the correct information.

- a Jackie, Tony and Billy are interested in the same things.
- b Billy is the first one in the family to box.
- c Jackie believes pickets can stop the government.
- d Jackie and Tony stand on the picket lines to hurt the scabs.
- e Nobody danced in Billy's family.

Chapters 4–6

2 Choose the right sentence. Write a or b.

- 1 Billy tells his father that he is practising a spin because ...
 - a it is a boxing move.
 - b he likes dancing.
- 2 When the fat boy knocked Billy down ...
 - a George started shouting and left.
 - b Jackie stopped going to the club.
- 3 Billy's grandmother ...
 - a was sad that Billy wanted to be a dancer.
 - b took ballet classes when she was young.
- 4 Mr Wilkinson believes that ...
 - a the miners can't win.
 - b boys shouldn't dance.
- 5 Michael doesn't want to dance because ...
 - a he's bad at it.
 - b he doesn't want the other boys to laugh at him.

Chapters 7–9

3 Complete with the correct word.

hammer spin ballet audition pickets hall

- a Billy and Mrs Wilkinson practised very hard for the
 - b Mrs Wilkinson told Billy to think of his mother and to do the biggest, highest
 - c The police rode their horses behind the and hit them on their backs and heads.
 - d Jackie and Tony were arguing because Tony had a big in his hand.
- 4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
- a Mrs Wilkinson decided that Billy should dance to the song that his mother liked in his audition.
 - b Billy was very frightened when he saw his father and brother fighting.
 - c Tony attacked the policeman's horse with a hammer.

- d When the policemen were running after Tony, Billy tried to tell him which way to go but Tony couldn't hear him.
- e Billy was very angry when Mrs Wilkinson hit him on the face.
- f The family needed a fire so Billy's dad broke the table into pieces.
- g When Billy and Michael were dancing in the boxing ring, Billy's dad entered the hall and was shocked to see them.

Chapters 10–12

5 Choose the right words.

- a When Jackie realised how good at ballet Billy was, he decided to ask *Mrs Wilkinson / George* for help to raise more money.
- b Jackie sold the *family piano / Sarah's wedding ring*.
- c Jackie needed more money, so he decided to ask his *family in London / go back to the mine to work*.
- d When Tony saw Jackie crying he *got very angry with him / he decided to help his father*.
- e A lot of people *bought raffle tickets / sold their own things* to help the Elliot family.
- f On his way to London, Billy learnt that his father was *travelling to London for the first time / his father was frightened*.
- g When Billy realised that all boys and girls were very posh and different from him he *started crying / did not want to dance at the audition*.

Chapters 13–15

6 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X).

- a One of the teachers at the audition wished Jackie and the miners the best of luck.
- b When the letter arrived, the Elliots opened it.
- c The Elliots were happy because Billy entered the Royal Ballet School but the miners were sad because the strike ended and they lost.
- d The teachers at the audition thought that Billy was a good boy.

7 Number these sentences in the correct order.

- a Billy went home and kissed Nan. Then his father and brother walked him to the bus stop.
- b Tony told Billy that he would miss him.
- c Billy said goodbye to Mrs Wilkinson.
- d Billy went to church with his dad.
- e Billy saw Michael and said goodbye.