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Guided reading – WALT - learn how to summarise a text

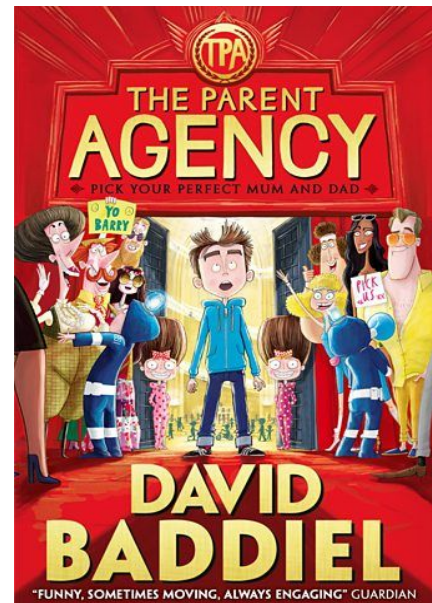
Happy Wednesday little readers. Today we will learn to summarise a text

About the story

### ***The Parent Agency***

Barry Bennett hates being called 'Barry' and has made a list of ten other things he hates. Barry feels that his friends have better names, better clothes, better birthdays and definitely better parents. Barry wishes he had better parents and is transported to a world where children choose their own.

In the first extract, Barry is planning his birthday party and his younger twin sisters, who he refers to as TSE, The Sisterly Entity, are winding him up with their dad



**Read the following text -**

Extract 1

*'... so I thought maybe on my birthday, next Saturday, when I wake up, it would be good if waiting outside was an Aston Martin DB6...' Barry was saying, in between forkfuls of low-sugar, low-salt baked beans on jacket potato.*

*'An Aston Martin! Write that down, Ginny!'*

*'I'm writing it down, Kay!'*

*Barry carried on looking at his dad. He had chosen not to recognise his younger twin sisters. Barry often snuck a glance at his dad's Daily or Sunday Express, as he knew that James Bond would have to be aware of when dangerous stuff was happening in the world, and he had read that some countries did this to other ones, sometimes. So similarly he did not call his eight-year-old twin sisters Ginny and Kay but The Sisterly Entity or TSE for short.*

*He did, however, out of the corner of his eye, catch them doing that sarcastic thing they did, when one of them – Barry didn't like separating TSE into two, as that was kind of recognising that they existed, but if he had to, he would refer to them as Sisterly Entities One and Two – would pretend to write down something he said, as if it was really important. Which of course was their way of saying that it wasn't important at all. Barry really hated it when they did that.*

*'... so, Dad, on our birthday can you take us somewhere in a Rolls-Royce? Which you can keep in the garage next to the Aston Martin!' said Sisterly Entity One.*

*'Ha ha ha!' laughed Sisterly Entity Two, who was still running her index finger across her palm as part of the pretending-to-write-down-stupid-stuff-Barry-says mime.*

*'Yeah, well, they're not that expensive to hire. I checked online,' said Barry, trying as much as possible not to look at them. 'And then maybe you can have, like, a tuxedo Dad ready for me to wear and a cake with 007 on it, and all my friends can come dressed as Bond villains, and maybe you can have the film soundtrack playing, and you, Dad, you can be Q, showing me gadgets, like a jet pack and a pen that's actually a gun, and - '*

*'Sorry, Barry, what?' His dad put down his Sunday Express.*

*'Weren't you listening? Da-ad!'*

*'Barry, please don't say 'Dad' like that.'*

*'Like what?'*

*'Like when you give it two syllables. And go right down on the second one. On the -ad.' This was Barry's mum speaking.*

### **Read the extract again.**

Think about the following:

- How do Ginny and Kay react to Barry?
- Do his Mum and Dad defend him or make the situation worse for Barry?
- Is it just harmless fun with some sarcasm? Or do you actually feel sorry for Barry?

### **TASK -**

Write a short paragraph in response to the question, 'Do you feel sympathy towards Barry or is it just a bit of fun?'

You might want to record your evidence in a table to help you organise your ideas. You may have evidence for both sides of the question.

	<b>Evidence That Supports Sympathy For Barry</b>	<b>Evidence That Supports It Is Just A Bit Of Fun</b>
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2.		
3.		