

Thursday 26th March 2020 - Oliver Hyde's Dishcloth concert

Guided reading – WALT infer about information in a text

Confident

Read part 5 - Then answer the questions

1. Does the description of the barn fit with a wedding? Why not?
2. Why does Oliver think it is dark?
3. Why does Oliver cry?
4. What is Oliver expecting from the other musicians and the people there?
5. How do Oliver's feelings change in this part? Does he start to regret what he's done? Use evidence in the text to support your answer.
6. Why do you think that nobody is moving?
7. a) Why does Oliver decide to speak and play a happy tune?
b) How do you know that the tunes he played next were lively?

Challenge question -

8. What do you think has happened- has Oliver been tricked in order to teach him a lesson, or has he made a mistake?

looked at it. Oliver knew the fiddle, and it was a good fiddle. He wondered if it was in tune and wanted to pick it up, but he let it lay there. His foot was tapping, and he slapped his knee to make it stop. He laughed to himself and muttered, "Them donkeys—what do they know?" Then he got up and moved around the little house on his dreary business.

The sun went down and the shadow of the fiddle case stretched across the floor. Oliver's eyes kept landing on the fiddle, and he stepped over the shadow when he crossed that way. It looked to him like the bow had new horsehair on it. But it didn't make any difference to him. He figured he'd never be playing on that fiddle, and he never touched it.

Next morning Oliver watched down the hill for Jim to come and tell him the deal was off and to get the fiddle. Noon came. Oliver ate some beans. Afternoon came on. Jim didn't show. Oliver began to get mad. He was mad that he had ever made the promise. It started to get dark. "Those cluckheads!" Oliver said, pulling the window shut. "They can't dance with dishcloths on their heads, or drink punch, either. They'll have a rotten time."

But a promise is a promise.

Finally he decided it was time to put his hat and coat on. "They tricked me," Oliver grumbled, "but I got a trick for them, too. They'll be sorry I came to their party." It wasn't a great trick Oliver had in mind, but just a miserable little one to make sure nobody could have any fun while he was there. He figured they'd ask

him to leave shortly. He wouldn't even bother to take off his hat and coat.

He headed down the hill with the fiddle and into the little town. He entered Edward's barn with his hat pulled down and his collar turned up. It was dark except for two bare, hanging light bulbs, one over the center of the barn and one at the end where a sort of stage was built up. Oliver had played at shindigs there many times. He kept his head down, and only from the corners of his eyes could he see all the people sitting around the walls. "Lord, it's awfully dark," Oliver thought to himself, "and quiet. I figure they know that's the way I like it." He got under the light bulb that hung over the stage and took out the fiddle.

He tuned down to a fretful and lonesome sound, and then he played.

Of course, he knew they were all looking for happy dancing tunes, so first off he played a slow and sad tune about a man who was walking down a long road that had no ending and was gray all about, and the man was looking forward to being dead because it might be more cheerful. Nobody danced, naturally, and didn't clap either when Oliver finished it. "That's just right," Oliver thought. "I'll give them a wretched time." And he started on another.

The second tune he played was even slower and sadder, about a man who thought his heart was a pincushion and it seemed to him that everyone was sticking pins and needles into it, and it was hurtful even

Becoming Confident

WALT - Retrieve information

"Ahoy me hearties!"

A man in Suffolk has built a giant pirate ship in his back garden. Tim Jones spent half a year creating the captain's cabin, deck and seven metre mast (more than 3 times the height of a door!)

He then added several humorous finishing touches including a toy parrot called Polly and a Jolly Roger pirate flag. Tim said, "I spent every free hour I had and weekends building it. It was a tiring time but now I know it was all worthwhile."

Tim said the idea for the pirate ship came from his themed birthday party. He gathered and used discarded wood to build the pirate ship at minimum cost. Some trees had to be cut down to fit it in.



The unusual garden feature has become well known by locals as the mast can be seen from the road. "It really makes me chuckle every time I walk past," said a neighbour.

"Everyone loves it," Tim said. "I'd love to make it bigger but I really don't have the room."

1. How many months did it take Tim to build the pirate ship?
2. Did it cost Tim a lot of money to build the pirate ship? How do you know?
3. "The neighbours don't like the pirate ship." True or false? Explain how you know.
4. What does the writer think about the pirate ship? Explain what word gives you a clue.
5. "The pirate ship is large." True or false? Explain how you know.
6. Is Tim pleased with his pirate ship? How do you know?

7. Why do you think the title of the article is "Ahoy me hearties!"?