

CHAPTER 2

Comprehension

1 Answer the following questions.

- How did Oliver spend his first night away from the workhouse?
- How did Oliver feel after seven days of walking?
- What did Fagin look like?
- What did Oliver think when he saw the pile of purses on the table in Fagin's place?
- What did the old man at the bookstall do when he realised that his purse was missing?

2 Match 1-5 with a-e to make sentences. Write a-e in the boxes.

- With his penny, Oliver ☐ a. steal from people in the street.
- Fagin had trained the ☐ b. stole the old gentleman's
Dodger how to ☐ purse.
- At the bookstall, the Dodger ☐ c. found a place to stay, but also
got into a lot of trouble.
- The words 'Plummy and ☐ d. bought some bread.
slam' ☐
- With Fagin and the Dodger, ☐ e. were some kind of secret code
for Fagin and his friends.
Oliver ☐

Vocabulary

3 Match the two columns to make expressions.

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| 1. earn | a. to time |
| 2. take | b. under a roof |
| 3. look | c. one's own living |
| 4. have | d. no notice |
| 5. sleep | e. no idea |
| 6. from time | f. like |

4 Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- Mr Jones is one of the most _____ men in our neighbourhood. RESPECT
- Mario got bored listening to his travelling _____ talking throughout the journey. COMPANY
- The students watched in _____ their two classmates beating each other. AMAZE
- He was watching TV when he _____ heard a strange noise in the garden. SUDDEN
- Janet was _____ when she heard the bad news. SHOCK
- The burglar managed to get out of the house _____ SEE
- Stewart is a very hard _____ so his boss gave him a raise this year. WORK
- It rained all night and all the streets are _____. MUD

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Judging from what has happened so far, do you think that Oliver's decision to leave the workhouse was right? Why / Why not?
- What do you think Fagin and the Dodger want Oliver for?
- How do you feel about thieves and pickpockets?
- What do you think will happen to Oliver?

- 6** Imagine you are the old gentleman whose purse got stolen. Make a report to the police giving a detailed description of the boy who you think stole the purse and explaining what exactly happened. (60-80 words)