

CHAPTER 4

Comprehension

1 Complete the sentences with the correct name.

Fagin Oliver Sikes Nancy

- _____ was very good at telling lies to people.
- _____ wanted to take the books back to Mr Brownlow.
- _____ tried to be friendly towards _____.
- _____ was in a very bad mood.
- _____ felt bad about _____'s troubles and wanted to protect him.
- _____ and _____ planned to steal a gold plate from a house.
- _____ suggested they should use _____ to break into the house.

2 Complete the summary of Chapter 4 with words or short phrases.

Nancy _____ Oliver and brought him back to Fagin. Oliver was upset because he realised he was _____ and wouldn't be able to _____ for Mr Brownlow. Then, Bill Sikes with his _____ entered the house. He was a _____ and started discussing a _____ with Fagin. When Oliver realised that he was going to be used for the job, he _____ and ran to the door but he was stopped by Sikes' dog. Nancy tried to _____ Oliver from Sikes. She _____ his club and didn't let Sikes _____ Oliver. Oliver now knew that he didn't have _____ to escape.

Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences using the prepositions in the box.

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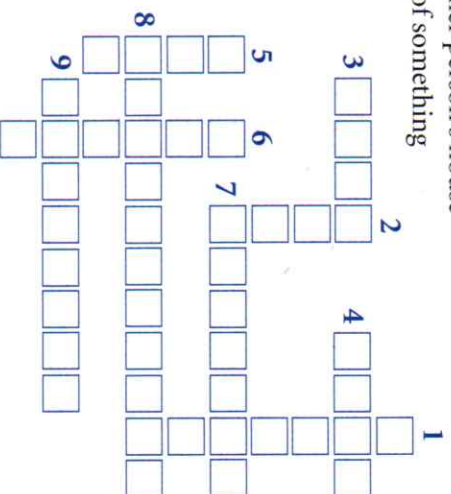
- Let go _____ my arm! You are hurting me.
- The burglars used a trained dog to break _____ the house.
- Helen is really good _____ painting. I think she's going to be a painter when she grows up.

- If your mum finds the house in such a mess, you'll be _____ trouble.

- There are still some problems I have to deal _____ in my new neighbourhood.
- What are you pointing _____? I can't see very clearly.
- When I heard the big bang I got _____ my feet and ran out of the house to see what it was.
- When she heard the shocking news, she burst _____ tears.
- Will you pick that pencil _____, please?
- I really feel sorry _____ homeless people.

4 Complete the crossword.

- A person working in another person's house
- Seize, violently take hold of something
- Hit something very hard so that it makes a noise
- To do what you are told
- A heavy stick with one end thicker than the other
- A try, an attempt
- A person entering a house illegally
- Unlucky
- Valuable



Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Why do you think Nancy's attitude towards Oliver changed?
- What can be done to prevent crime?
- Do you think that Oliver will be able to escape and meet Mr Brownlow again?

- Imagine that you are Oliver, kept prisoner in Fagin's house. Write a letter to Mr Brownlow, explaining the situation and asking for his help. (60-80 words)