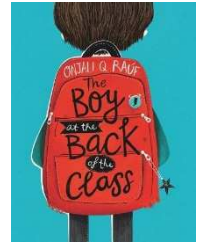


Week 9 Day 3 – Reading – Language

This week, we will continue to focus on our class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf. Make sure to reread the previous pages if you can't remember what is happening.



- 1) Read the next part of the story.
- 2) Underline four words that you are not sure about the meaning of.
- 3) Write down what you think the meaning is and then look it up in a dictionary or online.

When Tom joined our class last year I had stared at him a lot too. I didn't mean to, but I kept imagining that he came from an American spy family – like the ones you see in the movies. He told me later that he had thought there was something wrong with me. The new boy probably thought there was something wrong with me too, but it's hard to stop staring at new people – especially when they have eyes like a lion's.

We had geography in first period that morning, so we couldn't get up to say hello to the new boy. Then at break-time I looked around the playground for him but couldn't see him anywhere. In second period we had P.E. but the new boy didn't join in; he sat in the corner staring at his rucksack, which was red with a black stripe on it and looked very dirty. I thought he must have forgotten his P.E. kit because his bag looked empty and saggy. I tried waving at him, but he never looked up – not even once.

Whenever we do P.E. I like to pretend that I'm training to join Tintin on an adventure, and have to be the super fastest human being on the planet. The only problem is my legs aren't as long as I want them to be yet, so even when I jump as hard I can, I always get

stuck in the middle of the vault. Every birthday, I make a wish that I'll grow at least four inches taller, and I drink as much milk as I can so that my bones will stretch. But even though I'm nine and three-quarters now, I've only grown one-and-a-half inches since my last birthday. Or at least that's what my mum says. I tried my best to jump over the vault in one go in front of the new boy, but I got stuck again. Luckily, he didn't see me because he was staring at his rucksack the whole time.

After P.E. we had lunch-break, and Josie, Tom, Michael and me decided we would try and find the new boy so that he wasn't all on his own. We waited right next to the playground doors. But the new boy never came out. Tom even went to check the boys' toilets because that's where he had tried to hide on his first day when he didn't know anyone, but there was no one there.

'Maybe he's having lunch with the lower grades by mistake?' said Josie. But when we got into the lunch hall we couldn't see him anywhere.

In the afternoon we had history, and we were split into groups, but the new boy was allowed to sit on his own and not join in. Mrs Khan spent more time with him

a) New word:

I think it means

Dictionary/online definition:

b) New word:

I think it means

Dictionary/online definition:

c) New word:

I think it means

Dictionary/online definition:

d) New word:

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Dictionary/online definition:

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