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Worksheet 10

Mark Haddon: *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-time*

Level: A2 – B2

Number of lessons: 5 lessons

Skills: reading, writing, speaking, listening

Forms and methods: individual work, pair work, group work,...

HANDOUT 1

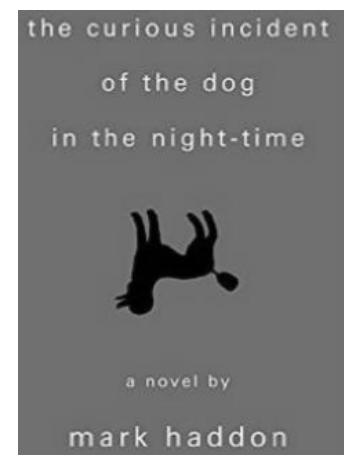
Before reading

Do you like detective stories? Why? Why not?

Look at the cover of the book. What do you think happens to the dog?

What was the motive?

Look at these emoticons. What feeling or emotion do they represent?



Reading

Read the **second** (actually the first) chapter of the book and put the feelings in the order the boy felt them.

Draw a simple picture of what the dog looked like when the boy found it.

Read the next (**the 3rd**) chapter and answer the questions:

1) Why does Christopher say he knows all the capital cities?

2) When does Christopher feel like this ?



3) Who do you think is Siobhan?

4) Why did she draw the pictures?



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HW - Read chapters 5, 7 and 11. Be prepared to answer these questions (what kind of person is Christopher? Why does he do the groaning? What happens at the end of ch.11 and why?)

Vocabulary – Match the words with meanings

prime number

way

chase

garden fork

wound

cancer

certain

muzzle

pretend

get sb do st

způsob

rakovina

zahradní vidle

čenich

předstírat

přinutit někoho něco udělat

prvočíslo

pronásledovat

zranění

jistý, určitý



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HANDOUT 2

Summary: Chapter 5 - complete the summary with the words below the text

The story returns to Mrs. Shears's _____, where Christopher _____ the garden fork and picks up Wellington. Mrs. Shears **appears** on her **patio** and _____ Christopher to get away from her dog. Mrs. Shears does not _____, even when he puts the dog down. So Christopher puts his hands over _____ and **curls** into a ball on the grass, trying to _____ the sound.

block out / lawn / his ears / shouts at / stop / removes

Summary: Chapter 7 – order the sentences to make the summary

the other reason is that he could not start it any other way	written after Siobhan advised him to try writing a story he would want to read	Christopher says that we are reading his murder-mystery novel
which is one of the reasons that Christopher started it with Wellington's death	this story actually happened to him, and he has trouble putting events in any order other than the order in which they happened	Siobhan said that the opening of the novel should draw people's attention

Summary: Chapter 11 – complete the sentences with appropriate words

At the _____ scene, two police officers _____. Christopher **initially** finds their **presence** **comforting**, but he starts _____ when the _____ begins to ask him questions too quickly, implicating him in the murder. Christopher curls into a _____ again, and he _____ the police officer when the _____ tries to **lift** him to his feet.



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Chapter 13. read the text and explain the joke. Connect parts of jokes bellow the text.

This will not be a funny book. I cannot tell jokes because I do not understand them. Here is a joke, as an example. It is one of Father's.

His face was drawn but the curtains were real.

I know why this is meant to be funny. I asked. It is because *drawn* has three meanings, and they are (1) drawn with a pencil, (2) exhausted, and (3) pulled across a window, and meaning 1 refers to both the face and the curtains, meaning 2 refers only to the face, and meaning 3 refers only to the curtains.

If I try to say the joke to myself, making the word mean the three different things at the same time, it is like hearing three different pieces of music at the same time, which is uncomfortable and confusing and not nice like white noise. It is like three people trying to talk to you at the same time about different things. And that is why there are no jokes in this book.

She had a photographic memory

I am reading a book about anti-gravity
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The coffee is not strong enough

to defend itself

but never developed it.

it is impossible to put down

HW – read chapters 17 and 23. What was Christopher's plan to escape from the cell?



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HANDOUT 3

Order the sentences to outline the story of chapters 17 and 23.

- As the officer drives him away, Christopher considers the Milky Way through the window of the squad car.
- At the police station, Christopher empties his pockets at the front desk, carefully describing every item.
- He wonders if Mrs. Shears lied and told the police that he killed Wellington.
- The officer arrests Christopher for assault.
- When the police put him in his cell, he marvels that the cell is almost a perfect cube.
- He feels comforted by the order he sees in the stars, and by the fact that policeman has done his job in a predictable manner.

Make sentences with the words from the text

arrest _____

calm _____

monkey business _____

lose my rag _____

huge _____

puzzled _____

work out _____

Translate the sentences into your language.

e.g.

I wondered how I would escape if I was in a story

Říkal jsem si, jak bych utekl, kdybych byl v nějakém příběhu.

It would be difficult because the only things I had were my clothes and my shoes, which had no laces in them.

I decided that my best plan would be to wait for a really sunny day and then use my glasses to focus the sunlight on a piece of my clothing and start a fire.

I would then make my escape when they saw the smoke and took me out of the cell.

And if they didn't notice I would be able to wee on the clothes and put them out.

HW – revise all the chapters that we have read together and prepare for the test.



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The curious incident of the dog in the night-time TEST

Name _____

Circle a,b or c

1. How does the novel begin?

- a) Christopher's dad arrives home drunk.
- b) Christopher discovers that his neighbour's dog has been killed.
- c) Christopher tries to solve a complicated math problem.

2. What happens when Christopher is touched or shouted at?

- a) He shuts down, rolling himself into a ball and trying to block out the sound.
- b) He cries, rolling himself into a ball and sobbing.
- c) He runs away, waving his arms and screaming.

3. How does Christopher characterize his book?

- a) As a true crime novel
- b) As a parody
- c) As a murder mystery novel

Fill in the gaps with suitable words, the first letter is given to you.

Yesterday the police a _____ a young man for s _____. He told some seriously bad things about his basketball teacher. The teacher will not be able to continue his job. There was a h _____ article about it in the newspaper this morning. The title was "m _____ b _____ at basketball". The basketball community is p _____ and does not understand the situation. The teacher w _____ o _____ in the gym every day so, if he loses his r _____, the young man will be in serious trouble.

Answer the questions

What did the person who killed Wellington use for killing the dog?

Why does Christopher like policemen?

Why doesn't Christopher tell jokes?

Translate into English

Včera jsem ho přinutil sníst mrkev.

Honil jsem ho kolem zahrady s vidlema v ruce.

Ztratil jsem nervy a třísknul jsem ho.

Neměl žádné zranění ale předstíral to.



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Did you like the book? Why? Why not?
