

Worksheet on “Stormbreaker”

Read the tasks below and make sure you understand. Do the tasks briefly but in complete sentences. - Write on an extra sheet under the heading above. – Your answers can be short sentences. Talking about literature in English you either use the present tense or the past tense.

What you cannot do in lessons, you will have to do at home.

For everything you find you must quotes in ‘inverted commas’ and references and (page/line), for example: ‘Alex took a shower’. (For pages and lines use pp. 39-40/ ll. 17-19)

At “Heaven for Cars”

- Why would Alex land in a crusher at all?
- What does a crusher do?
- Why would a man working at a junkyard shoot at a boy making his getaway on a bicycle?

At the Royal and General

- Why does Alex go there in the first place?
- How does Mr Blunt know Alex does not carry any arms?
- Why does Alex leave the office in a rather unusual way? And why is that a bit dangerous?
- What do the men do when they find him in his uncle’s office?
- Where does Alex wake up after a long time?
- Why does he agree to do what Mrs Jones and Mr Blunt want him to do?

With the SAS

- What are the SAS?
- Why is it that a fourteen-year-old boy joins them for training?
- What are they expected to do? Give examples.
- Why does Alex have a hard time there and why would the men behave towards him in this way?
- What is the most dangerous situation Alex has to face while with the SAS?
- Why does “Wolf” become friendly with him in the end?

Toys for Boys

- Mr Smithers is not the sort of man you meet every day. Explain.
- What sorts of toys does Alex get, and what do they do?

At Sayle Enterprise

- What makes Fraulein Vole seem a bit nasty?
- Why does Mr Grin look “funny” and what is the story behind it?
- What sort of building does Alex live in?
- Where in England is Sayle Enterprise situated, and why would Sayle have chosen this place? Give good reasons seen from Sayle’s point of view.
- What makes it so difficult for Alex to go where he wants to inside the compound?

Sayle, the Man Himself

- What do you know about
 - Sayle’s childhood,
 - his life at school,
 - his career as a businessman?
- Imagine a psychologist [sar’kɒlədʒɪst] has been asked to explain why Sayle wanted his computers to be so nasty. Write about 150 words. The psychologist’s paper should be easy to understand. Therefore use very simple language.

Cat and Mouse

- At the compound, there are a number of incidents that must have made Fraulein Vole, Mr Grin and Sayle himself suspect Alex. Name these incidents in their right order.

Product Placement

- The author mentions quite a few commercial brands and products.

The Good Guys and the Baddies

- As always, there are the good guys as well as the bad guys, the “baddies”. List their names vertically.
- Add to that list adjectives, attributes and qualities of these characters the author uses to describe these characters.