



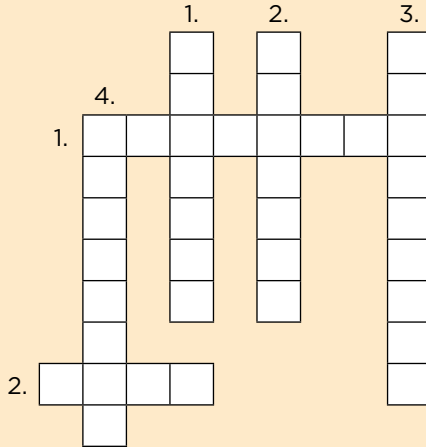
Oliver Twist

Charles Dickens

Stage 1
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Teen Readers

Activities

1 Oliver Twist is hungry. Complete this crossword about food.



Across

- 1. British people sometimes eat this in the morning.
- 2. Mrs Sowerberry is cooking this meat.

Down

- 1. Orange vegetables – Mrs Sowerberry is cooking these.
- 2. Mr Bumble eats this meat.
- 3. The time you eat in the morning is called...
- 4. White vegetables – Mr Bumble is eating these.

Answers:
1 Across: 1. porridge; 2. beef; down: 1. carrots; 2. chicken; 3. breakfast; 4. Potatoes.



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2 Complete the sentences.

am • looking • must • see • sleep • watching

1. "Oliver! What are you at?"
2. "Nothing, Fagin! I can't! It is dark."
3. "You are me, Oliver!"
4. "I sorry, Fagin."
5. "You not tell Dodger about my things."
6. "Can I go to now, Fagin?"



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Test yourself

Answer True or False to these questions.

- | | T | F |
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| 1. Oliver Twist grew up with his mother and father. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Oliver Twist works in Mr Bumble's factory. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Mr Bumble always gives the children lots of food. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Oliver leaves the workhouse and works in Mr and Mrs Sowerberry's shop. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Oliver's first friend is called Noah. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Oliver runs away from the Sowerberrys and goes to live with Fagin. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The boys in Fagin's house are happy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Oliver takes a handkerchief from a rich man's pocket. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The rich man is called Mr Brownlow and he takes Oliver to his house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. In Oliver's new bedroom, there is a painting of a young woman with dark hair and brown eyes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Nancy and Bill Sikes make friends with Mr Brownlow. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Oliver forgets about Mr Brownlow when he lives with Mrs Maylie and Rose. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Answers:

1. F (he is an orphan); 2. F (Mr Bumble has a workhouse for poor people); 3. F; 4. T; 5. F (Jack or Dodger is his first friend); 6. T; 7. T; 8. F (Dodger takes it); 9. T; 10. F (blond hair and blue eyes); 11. T; 12. F (Oliver often thinks about Mr Brownlow when he is with Mrs Maylie and Rose).



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Focus on...

Charles Dickens on television



The novel had such a great success at that time and today too, that a lot of directors decided to shoot films, miniseries and stage musicals on Oliver Twist. So, you have a lot of possibilities to see the adventures on the screen of this poor orphan's boy! The last cinematographic product was in 2005, when the filmmaker Roman Polanski gave life to this beautiful novel, showing gestures, colours, feelings and life of the main character. Watching television is also a great opportunity to practice your English. If a movie isn't enough or maybe too difficult to understand, the BBC offers you to watch a well-produced miniseries to improve the language.

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