



# Oliver Twist

## Charles Dickens

Stage 1  
A1  
Teen Readers

## Activities

### 1. Match the sentence halves.

Bill looks at the dog

1.  He is sure that he can find him
  2.  They saw Bullseye in the street
  3.  He must be careful on the roof
  4.  Fagin is sad and lonely
  5.  Mr Brownlow invites Rose to sit
  6.  Mr Brownlow, Mrs Bedwin and Oliver go to the wedding
- a because he doesn't want to fall.
- b but she stops in front of the painting of the woman with blond hair and blue eyes.
- c and they have a fantastic time.
- d who is now walking next to him.
- e and knew that Bill was back in the city.
- f because he hasn't got his special box.
- g a good place to hide from the police



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### 2. Answer these questions.

1. What does Mr Bumble decide to do after Oliver asks for more food?
2. What happens when Oliver meets Noah in the Sowerberry's shop?
3. What happens after Dodger and Charley take the handkerchief from the gentleman?
4. What happens when Fagin finds out Oliver is living with Mr Brownlow?
5. What happens Oliver has to go into another big house and open the door for Bill?
6. What happens when Rose sees the picture of the young woman with blond hair and blue eyes at Mr Brownlow's house?

### Answers:

2 1. He sends Oliver to live with Mr and Mrs Sowerberry. He will work for them in his shop. 2. He gets angry and hits Noah on the head. 3. Dodger and Charley run away, but a policeman takes Oliver to the police station. (The bookshop owner tells the policeman that Oliver did not take the handkerchief). 4. Fagin is furious and calls for Bill Sikes to go and get Oliver back. Bill and Fagin do not want to go to prison. 5. One of the servants in the big house hears Oliver and shoots him with a pistol. 6. She understands that the woman in the picture was her sister, and so she is Oliver's aunt.



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### 3. Fill in the gaps with the correct word.

everybody • killed • murder • poor • scared • sure

Back in London, <sup>(1)</sup> ..... is talking about <sup>(2)</sup>.....  
Nancy and the police are looking for Bill. Mr Brownlow and  
Miss Maylie hear about the <sup>(3)</sup> ..... and they too are  
<sup>(4)</sup> ..... that it was Bill who <sup>(5)</sup>..... her.  
'Poor, poor Nancy,' says Rose. 'She was so <sup>(6)</sup> ..... of  
that man Bill Sikes.



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### TEST YOURSELF!

#### True (T) or False (F)?

	<b>R</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>1</b> Oliver Twist is twenty years old.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b> He has got blond hair and big sad blue eyes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b> Mr Sowerberry lives with his sister, Mrs Sowerberry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4</b> Mrs Sowerberry is fat and ugly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5</b> Oliver and Noah start to sing and they make a lot of noise.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b> Mrs Sowerberry throws Oliver in a cold, dark room.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b> Oliver decides to go to the city of Liverpool.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b> Oliver meets Dodger.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b> Dodger has got a lot of friends in London.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b> A policeman takes Oliver to the police station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11</b> Mr Brownlow asks Oliver to live with him and his housekeeper Mrs Bedwin.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b> Oliver is very sad at Mr Brownlow's.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13</b> Bill tells Oliver that he must enter a house and open the front door for him and Toby.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>14</b> Fagin wants Oliver to be a singer and work for him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>15</b> Fagin he wants to kill Oliver.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>16</b> Nancy wants to help Oliver.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17</b> Bill kills Nancy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18</b> Bill wants run away, far away from London, but he dies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>19</b> In the end Oliver is a very rich and very happy little boy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 False, 2 True, 3 False, 4 True, 5 False, 6 True, 7 False, 8 True, 9 True, 10 True, 11 True, 12 False, 13 True, 14 False, 15 True, 16 True, 17 True, 18 True, 19 False..

**Answers:**



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### Focus on...



## Working children

Poor children were forced to work almost as soon as they could walk. Most children had no choice because they needed to help their families or to survive on their own.

## Chimney sweeping

Chimney sweeping was a job children could do better than adults. Small boys (starting at the age of 5 or 6 years) must go inside the chimney to brush soot away. They came down covered in soot, with bleeding elbows and knees.

## Street Children

Thousands of children worked and lived on the streets. They were orphans or simply abandoned. They worked very long hours for very little money. To buy bread, they sold matches, firewood, buttons or flowers and polished shoes.