



Class Reader Lesson: Speaking & Listening Focus

- *Class Reader lessons will always focus on the current book being read in class.*
- *No new reading of the text - some could be re-read, but sticking to quotes for the sake of questions is often better.*
- *Making sure children are on the same 'page'.*
- *Weekly quiz.*
- *Focus on summarising and predicting, alongside word choice.*
- *Links to cross-curricular with PSHE questions on theme.*



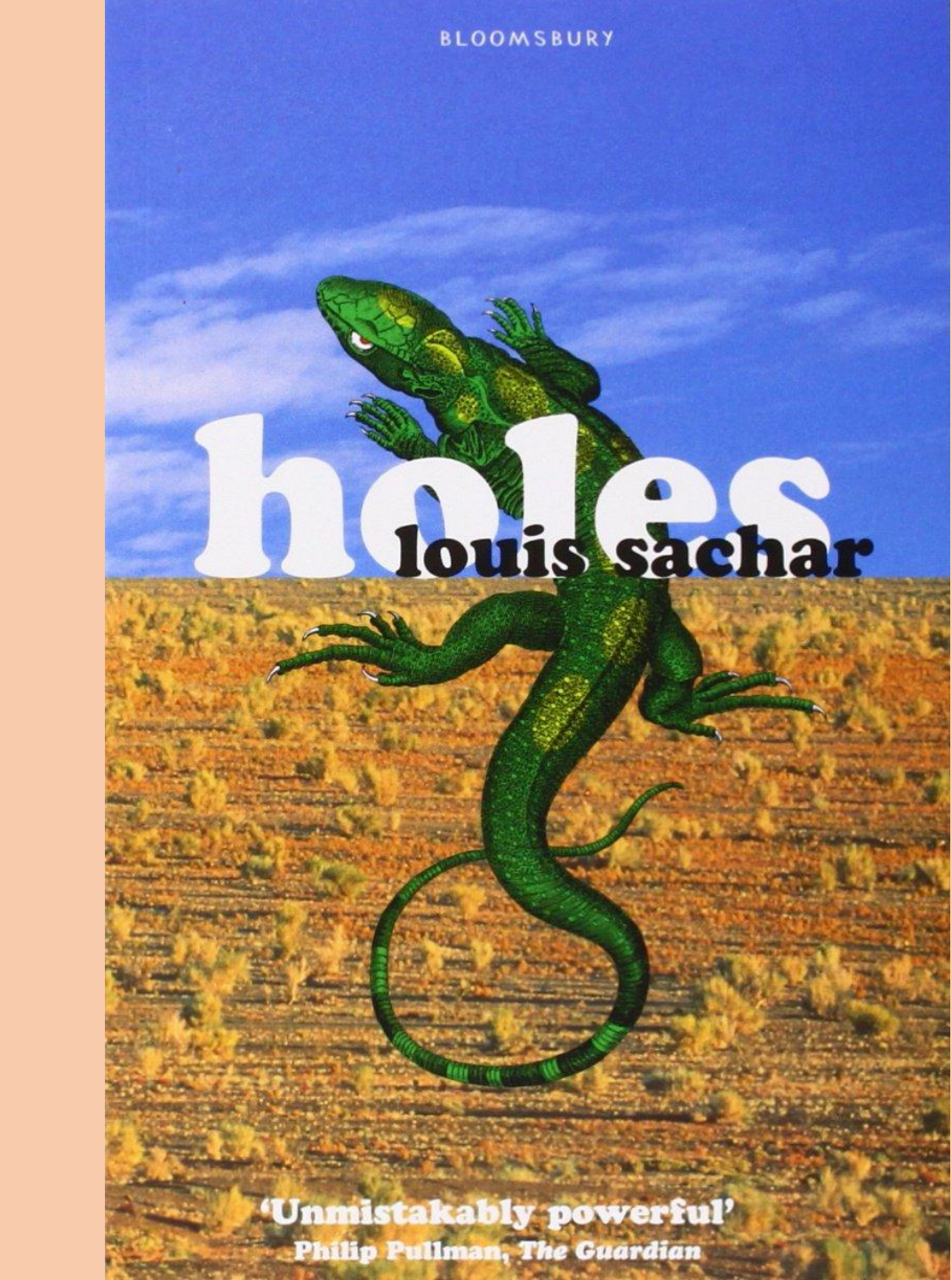


Class Reader 15min sessions: Modelling reading aloud to the children:

- Important to model to children about good reading aloud.
- Filling the room with their voice - loud and clear - can Fred in the corner hear you? Could you start again?
- 'Try that word again' - phonics strategies.
- Modelling self correction when you're reading the class reader and drawing attention to the fact you have done so.
- Modelling that word substituting that doesn't make sense can change the meaning completely and how to spot it - did that word make sense in that sentence? Why? Try reading the word again or thinking about what word it could be contextually.



BLOOMSBURY



holes
louis sachar

'Unmistakably powerful'
Philip Pullman, *The Guardian*

Class Reader:

Holes

Louis Sachar

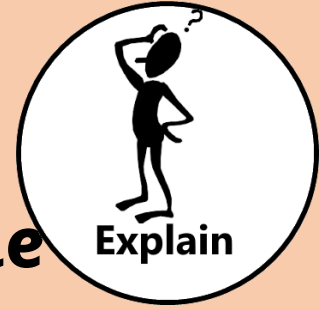
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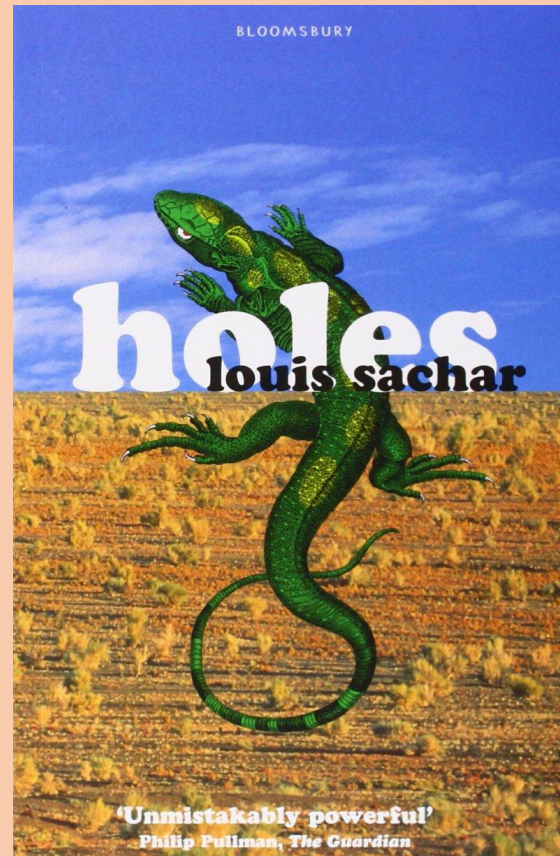
- What is Stanley's nickname?
- What did Stanley find in his hole that Mr Pendanski had no interest in?
- Who does Stanley blame for his bad luck?
- What was engraved on the tube Stanley found?
- What did Stanley find surprising about the Warden?
- **Tell your partner what has happened in the story so far...**



Vocabulary Check



- Let's look at some of the vocabulary we have come across so far in the story...





Canteen

Noun

a small water bottle,
as used by soldiers
or campers..



Synonyms: container, flask, bottle

“Do you want to fill the canteens or do you want to dig?”

Fossil

Noun

the remains or impression of a
prehistoric plant or animal



embedded in rock and preserved in petrified
form.

“The warden isn't interested in fossils.”

Curiosity

Adjective

a strong desire to know
or learn something.



Synonyms: interest

“His curiosity had gotten the better of him.”

Authority

Noun

the power or right to give orders,
make decisions, and
enforce obedience.



Synonyms: power, command, control

“I expect you to do it without questioning my authority.”





Individual Thinking



Dear Mom,

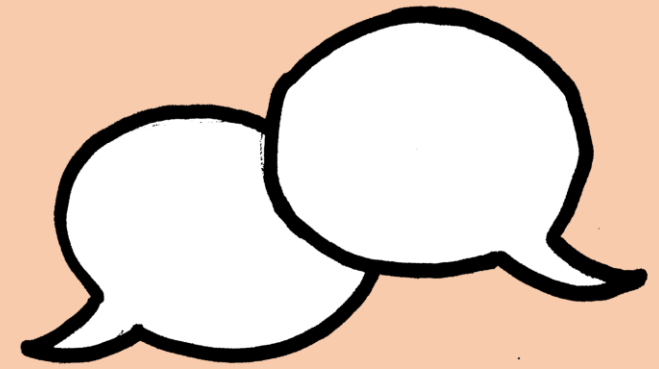
Today was my first day at camp, and I've already made some friends. We've been out on the lake all day, so I'm pretty tired. Once I pass the swimming test, I'll get to learn how to water-ski.

Why do you think Stanley lied in his letter?

So his mom wouldn't be worried about him, he pretended everything was OK.



Partnered Talk

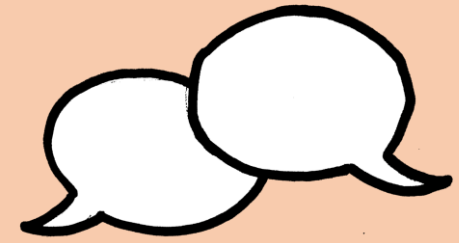


Why did Stanley feel happy about being accepted by X-Ray and the others?

Because at school he was picked on and bullied by Derrick Dunne. He felt like they would stand up for him.



Partnered Talk



What impression do you get of The Warden after her confrontation with Mr Pendanski?

She is fearsome and is clearly in charge. She says: 'Excuse me' whenever somebody questions her to suggest that what she says is always right. She strikes fear into Mr Pendanski.



Plenary



What do you think might be so special about the tube that Stanley found?