

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Read the text from chapter 23 and learn more about Christopher.

1. read the text and try first to answer the questions :

- Who ?
- Where ?
- Why ?

2. make a list of the new words as well as a list of irregular verbs.

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3 ; Tick what you can find in Christopher's pocket.
What do the contents reveal about him ?



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Extract 3

When I got to the police station they made me take the laces out of my shoes and empty my pockets at the front desk in case I had anything in them that I could use to kill myself or escape or attack a policeman with.

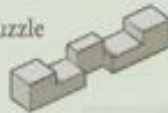
5 The sergeant behind the desk had very hairy hands and he had bitten his nails so much that they had bled.

This is what I had in my pockets

1. A Swiss Army Knife with 13 attachments including a wire-stripper and a saw and a toothpick and tweezers.

10 2. A piece of string.

3. A piece of a wooden puzzle which looked like this



4. 3 pellets of rat food for Toby, my rat.

5. £1.47 (this was made up of a £1 coin, a 20p coin, two 10p coins, a 5p coin and a 2p coin).

6. A red paperclip.

7. A key for the front door.

20 I was also wearing my watch and they wanted me to leave this at the desk as well but I said that I needed to keep my watch on because I needed to know exactly what time it was. And when they tried to take it off me I screamed, so they let me keep it on.

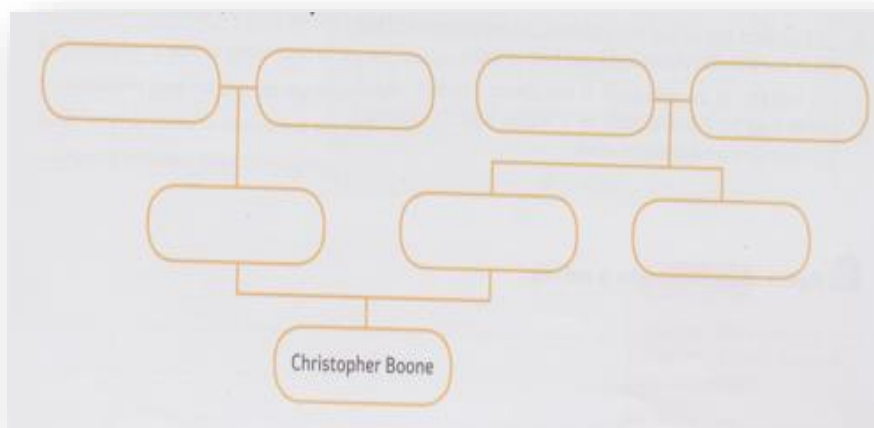
25 They asked me if I had any family. I said I did. They asked me who my family was. I said it was Father, but Mother was dead. And I said it was also Uncle Terry but he was in Sunderland and he was Father's brother, and it was my grandparents, too, but three of them were dead and Grandma Burton was in a home because she had senile dementia and thought that I was someone on television.

Then they asked me for Father's phone number.

30 I told them that he had two numbers, one for at home and one which was a mobile phone and I said both of them.

It was nice in the police cell. It was almost a perfect cube, 2 metres long by 2 metres wide by 2 metres high. It contained approximately 8 cubic metres of air.

Complete Christopher's family tree.



Now, listen to the words and write them in the correct column :

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a Listen to the words and write them in the correct column.

paperclip • string • key • Swiss • knife • toothpick • tweezers •
 Toby • piece • time • needed • empty • bitten • myself

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b Listen again and repeat them.

Follow up work:

Imagine one of the policemen tells about his encounter with Christopher to one of his colleagues.
 Sum up the events and imagine also how he may have reacted to Christopher's personality.