

# The Goldfish Boy

By Lisa Thompson

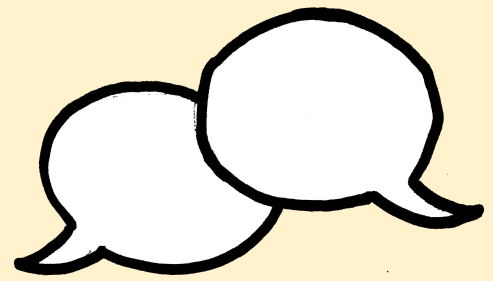
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Read to 'scuttle, scuttle, scuttle' on Page 8.

# Quick Start

- What is the main character's name?
- What did his mum bring him for lunch?
- Where is Mr Charles's daughter going to work?
- Where does mum want to take him tomorrow?
- How did mum get him to agree to come tomorrow?
- Where does his mum work?

## Partnered Talk



*‘The guilt of what I’d done lived inside me like a vicious black beetle, scuttling around my stomach.’*

Explain what you think Matthew means when he says this.

# Individual Thinking

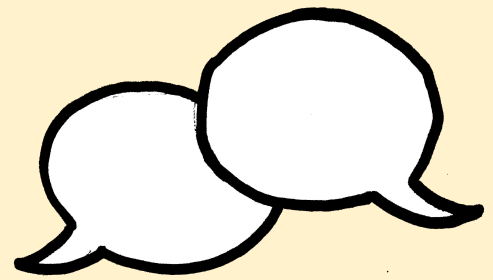


*I'm at the salon for a few hours this afternoon. Is that OK, Matthew? Will you be alright on your own?"*

How do you think Matthew's mum feels when she has to leave him alone?

Why do you think this is?

## Partnered Talk



Choose one word to describe Matthew, supporting your answer with evidence from the text.

Be ready to share your answer with the rest of the class.

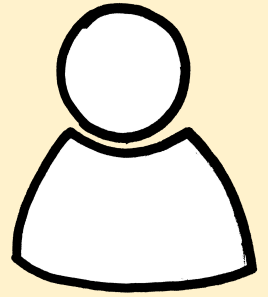
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Do you think mum understood why Matthew became upset when she came into his room?

Support your answer using evidence from the text.

## Solo Work



Matthew's parents have told his school that he has glandular fever and must stay off school, but this is not true.

Write a prediction about why you think he is really off school, using evidence from the text to support your answer.