

Kensuke's Kingdom

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P.1- 7 to 'No matter what he says, I'm not leaving.'

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Vocabulary Check

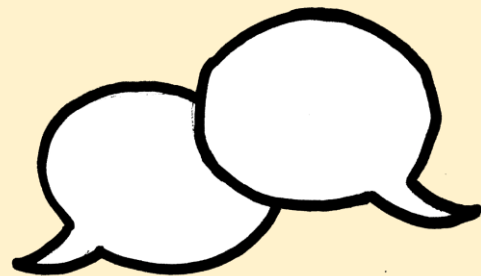
- there was a regularity, a sameness about my early childhood
- the children gibbered and screeched
- I'd be off down to the recreation ground for football
- We'd go dinghy sailing, all of us, on the reservoir
- He was a great do-it-yourself fanatic
- at the same brickworks, revelled in it
- exhilarating in the speed of it
- They were both being redundant
- The Mudlarks disbanded



Quick Start

1. When did he disappear?
2. What pet did he keep?
3. Name two of his friends.
4. What activity did the family enjoy?
5. Why did the mother and father start looking for new jobs?

Partnered Talk



We weren't so good away from home.

Why do you think they were not as good when they played away games?

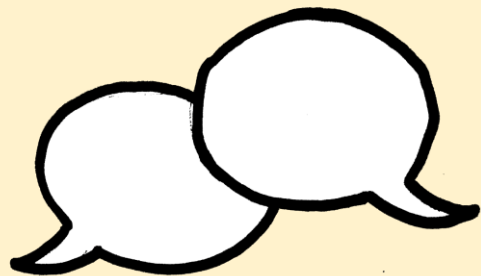
Individual Thinking



We had some great days on the water. We'd go out when it was rough, when no one else would, and we'd go skimming over the waves, exhilarating in the speed of it, in the sheer joy of it.

How does the narrator feel about their family activity? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Partnered Talk



If there was a breeze out there, she'd find it and catch it. She had a real nose for it.

What does he mean by this?

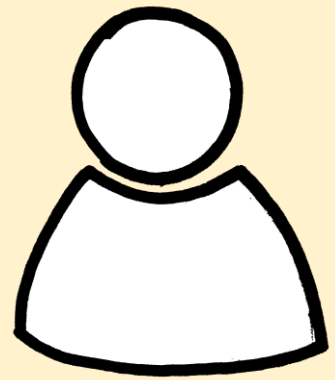
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They were both being made redundant. There was a terrible silence at the breakfast table that morning. After that we never went sailing on Sundays any more.

How are the family feeling? Why do you think they feel this way?

Solo Work



Redundancy has a negative impact on families. How does the author convey the family's devastation? Use examples from the text to support your answer.