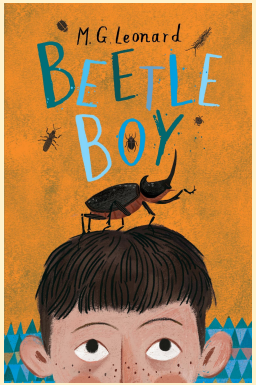


Beetle Boy

Up to Boy with broken heart stops speaking' on Page 6
https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/extract/12293/Beetle-Boy-by-M-G-Leonard.html.

Quick Start

- Who is quoted at the start of the book?
- Which day did Bartholomew Cuttle go missing?
- What did Darkus do when his dad did not come home?

Vocabulary Check

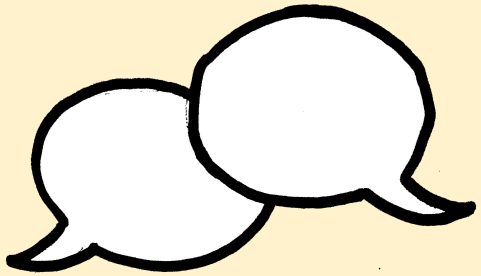
- The police report stated that the 27th of September had been an **unremarkable** Tuesday.
- He'd **exchanged pleasantries** with Eddie, the security guard on duty that day
- It was a sealed chamber with a **controlled atmosphere**.
- smiling at Darkus over the breakfast table and teasing him about his **unruly** hair.
- So when they asked their stupid questions, he **jammed** his hands in his pockets, **scowled** at the notebooks and refused to answer.

Individual Thinking

Based on the first paragraph, what impression do you get of Bartholomew Cuttle.

Use the text as evidence, but do not just copy your answer straight from the text. For example, a good answer is not ‘the impression I get of Bartholomew is that he reads big books’. Think about what that tells you.

Partnered Talk



Do you think the journalists were compassionate towards Darkus?

Explain your answer and script a full sentence with your partner.

Individual Thinking

Find and copy a word or phrase that shows:

A synonym for ‘said’ (Page 3)

Bartholomew did something often (Page 4).

Darkus stopped communicating with people. (Page 5)

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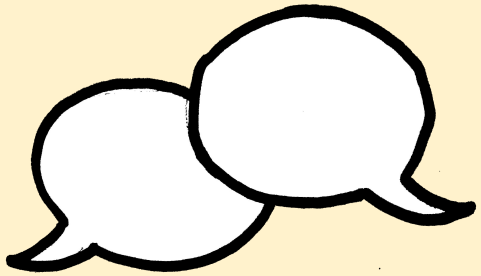
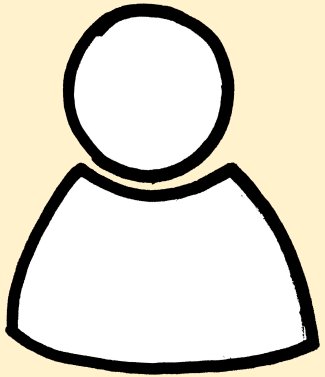


What headline would you have chosen for the news story and why?

Solo Work



Summarise the events of this chapter in fewer than thirty words.