

4 Later in the chapter, Oliver is living in the workhouse. Read the passage from line 35 "In the workhouse ..." to line 57 "... which surrounded him." Questions 1-5 are based on this passage

1 Which choice best summarises the passage?

- a Largely as a result of the circumstances of his birth, a character leads a difficult life.
- b An uncaring official disciplines a character because he does not understand him.
- c A character who is barely surviving under difficult living conditions, asks for relief and is punished for it.

2 In lines 38-39, it states that "Oliver and his companions were very hungry, but they never asked for a second bowl of gruel." Why do you think this is?

- a They were told they are not allowed a second bowl.
- b They are afraid to ask for a second bowl.
- c They don't like the taste of the gruel.

3 In line 46, "faint" most nearly means

- a pale.
- b hazy.
- c weak.

4 Which choice best describes the master, Mr. Bumble and the workhouse board's reaction to Oliver asking for more food?

- a They thought calmly about why Oliver acted the way he did and made an appropriate decision.
- b They were excessively shocked and surprised, and made an unjust decision.
- c They argued about what to do, and made a questionable decision.

5 In the last paragraph of the passage, the author includes the descriptions of Oliver's confinement, the walls, his small hands, and his tears primarily to

- a emphasise the cold and harsh treatment of a character.
- b foreshadow what will happen to a character.
- c offer an idea of how important childhood is.

Reading tip

It is important to notice the details an author gives in their writing and think about why they made these choices. By doing this, we can gain a deeper understanding of a text.