

**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.