

When Mr and Mrs Dursley woke up on the dull, grey Tuesday our story starts. None of them noticed a large owl by the window. At half past eight, Mr Dursley picked up his briefcase, and left the house.

It was on the corner of the street that he noticed the first sign of something peculiar – a cat reading a map. For a second, Mr Dursley didn't realise what he had seen – then he looked again. There was a cat, but there wasn't a map in sight. Dursley put the cat out of his mind. As he drove towards town he thought of nothing except a large order of drills he was hoping to get that day. But on the edge of town, there were a lot of strangely dressed people. People in cloaks. Mr Dursley couldn't bear people in funny clothes. The traffic moved on, and a few minutes later his mind was back on drills.

Mr Dursley always sat with his back to the window in his office on the ninth floor. If he hadn't, he might have found it harder to concentrate on drills that morning. He didn't see the owl, but some people down in the street did; they pointed and gazed open-mouthed. Most of them had never seen an owl even at nighttime.

Mr Dursley, however, had a perfectly normal, owl-free morning. He shouted at five different people. He made several important telephone calls and shouted a bit more. He was in a very good mood until lunch-time. He forgot the people in cloaks until he passed a group of them he heard:

'The Potters, that's right, that's what I heard –'

'– yes, their son, Harry –'

Mr Dursley stopped dead. Fear flooded him. He hurried up to his office. He thought Potter was an ordinary name. He was sure there were lots of people called Potter who had a son called Harry. Come to think of it, he wasn't even sure his nephew was called Harry. He didn't know the boy. There was no point in worrying.

Match the word with its meaning

Dull

None

Owl

Briefcase

Realise

Drill

Edge

Cloak

Gaze

Flood



Boring

Not any/ no one (ninguno)



Overflow with water (inundar)



Be aware of (darse cuenta de)

Look, stare (contemplar)



Limit, border

Choose the correct answer

1) When does this story start?

- On Monday
- On Tuesday
- On Wednesday

2) Where did Mr. Dursley notice something peculiar?

- On the corner of the street
- At her doorstep
- In the middle of the block

3) Mr. Dursley _____ people in funny clothes.

- Loved
- Didn't mind
- Couldn't bear

4) How did Mr. Dursley usually sit?

- Looking through the window
- with his back to the window
- on the window

5) What flooded Mr. Dursley?

- Fear
- Joy
- Surprise