

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

Boring

Owl

Not any/ no one (ninguno)

Briefcase



Realise

Overflow with water (inundar)

Drill



Edge

Be aware of (darse cuenta de)

Cloak

Look, stare (contemplar)

Gaze



Flood

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