

CHAPTER 13

For several weeks, _____ every afternoon to meet Shmuel by the fence. Shmuel is always waiting for him, and although Bruno asks every day if he can crawl under the fence to play together, Shmuel always refuses.

During their meetings, Bruno asks questions about _____. Shmuel explains that their clothes were taken away when they arrived and these were given instead, something Bruno does not fully understand.

One rainy day, _____, which makes him upset and distracted. While lying on his bed, his sister Gretel comes to talk to him, and Bruno accidentally mentions that he should be with Shmuel. _____, Bruno lies and tells Gretel that Shmuel is an imaginary friend. Gretel believes him and calls him a hopeless case, which makes Bruno feel relieved. Bruno then talks about his "imaginary friend,"

_____. He explains that they talk about everything and that Shmuel tells him about his family. While speaking, Bruno mentions that Shmuel's grandfather has disappeared and that his father cries when asked about him. Saying this out loud makes Bruno realize for the first time _____.

After Gretel leaves, Bruno cannot focus on reading. He looks out at the rain and wonders if, _____ showing how important their friendship has become.

Bruno cannot leave the house to meet Shmuel
sharing stories that actually belong to Shmuel
Bruno secretly continues to leave the house
how sad and serious his friend's situation really is
Shmuel is thinking about him too
why everyone on Shmuel's side wears striped pyjamas and cloth caps
To protect his secret