



Stage 14 D

The Booming Boots of Joey Jones

Worksheet 1

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1. What do you think a 'one man disaster area' means?
2. Why was there disharmony between Tank and Joe?
3. Why does the author say the team looked like a box of liquorice allsorts?
4. Write down two other descriptive phrases the author uses when writing about the team.
5. Write out one sentence that indicates to you that Joe was desperate to play in the football team.
6. Copy out the paragraph which lets you know that Mr Murphy has misgivings about letting Joe play.
7. What happened when Joe disobeyed Mr Murphy's instruction?
8. Look up simile in the dictionary, or in your grammar book. Write out the meaning.
9. Now find two similes on page 12 and write them down.
10. Why did Tank use the phrase 'chocolate teapot'? What do you think it means?



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1. Look at the illustration of Joe on page 14. How do you think he is feeling?
2. What two things does the author say Joey could dream about in relation to new football boots?
3. Joe has a number of daydreams. Write about one of them in your own words.
4. The author provides a physical description of Joey – draw a picture of him.
5. Describe yourself.
6. Where did Joey go on his own and why?
7. What time of year do you think this story is set? Why do you think that?
8. Who had joined Joey, and why?
9. What advice does Mr Skelly give Joey?
10. What did he suggest Sken did in the game with Flowery?



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Worksheet 3

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1. What did Joe still think was his biggest problem?
2. Design a pair of boots for Joe – either write a description, or draw them giving some details.
3. Describe in your own words the boots Joey's Dad gave him.
4. Give three reasons why Joe didn't sleep well.
5. Have you ever slept in, or thought you had? Explain your feelings.
6. Why was Joe hoping the boots would soon be covered in mud?
7. What does the author mean when he describes the goalkeeper as 'man mountain'.
8. Think about how Tank and Eddy have treated and spoken about Joe. How would you describe their personalities?
9. Why does the author describe the football as a 'great leaden pudding'?
10. Pretend you are a football commentator, now describe what is happening in the game on pages 44 and 45.

