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Oliver Twist

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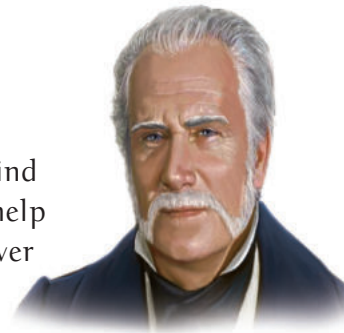
The Plot

A young boy, Oliver Twist, runs away from a cruel workhouse and goes to London. Once there, a gang of thieves teach him how to steal money from people's pockets. A kind gentleman saves Oliver's life and takes him back to his home. But the gang of thieves find Oliver and try to turn him into a thief again.



Oliver Twist

Oliver is an innocent little boy who cannot steal from people. He is a good person who only wants someone to love him.



Mr Brownlow

Mr Brownlow is a kind man who wants to help Oliver. He gives Oliver a proper home and tries to find his family.



Charley Bates

Charley is one of Fagin's young thieves.

Jack Dawkins

Jack is a young thief who finds Oliver on the streets of London and introduces him to a world of crime.



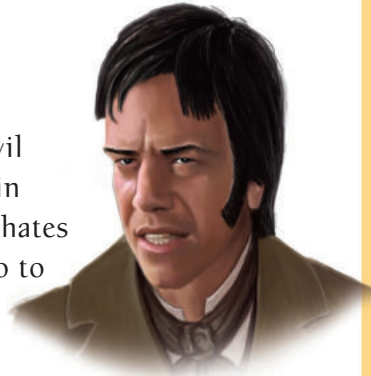


Fagin

Fagin is a leader of a gang of thieves who tries to teach Oliver how to steal. He is a bad man who is only interested in money.

Edward Leeford (Monks)

Monks, Oliver's half-brother, is an evil man who is involved with Fagin and his gang of thieves. He hates Oliver and wants him to go to prison.

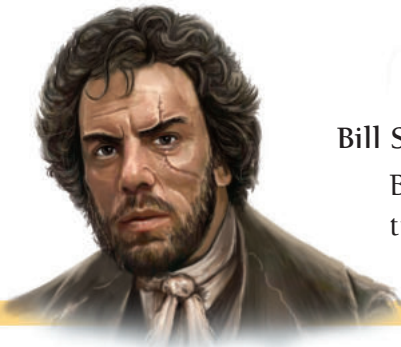
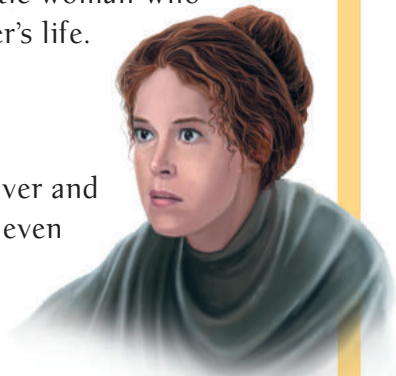


Rose Maylie

Rose is a loving and gentle woman who brings great joy to Oliver's life.

Nancy

Nancy works for Fagin but she cares about Oliver and tries to help him. She is in love with Bill Sikes even though she knows he is a bad man.



Bill Sikes

Bill Sikes is a dangerous, violent man who treats Nancy and Oliver very badly.



1. YOUNG OLIVER

In a town in England, about 200 years ago, a young woman had a baby at a workhouse.



So, little Oliver grows up in a place for orphan children.





Oliver decides to run away from the workhouse.



5.

MONKS

activities



Before Reading

- 1 Which picture(s) show(s):
• a house/cottage? • flowers? • a candle? • a cup? • a horse? • a chair?
- 2 Look at pictures 6 & 7. What can you see? What are the people doing? How do you think they are feeling? In pairs, think of what they might be saying and act it out.



While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and replace the words in bold with the correct name of the character: *Nancy*, *Fagin*, *Oliver*, *Rose* or *Monks*.
 - 1 He tells Monks.
.....
 - 2 She tells Oliver that he can live with them.
.....
 - 3 He hates Oliver.
.....
 - 4 He goes for walks with Rose.
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 - 5 She tells Fagin that Bill left Oliver behind.
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- 4 Put the events in the correct chronological order.
 - Monks told Fagin that he wanted Oliver to go to prison.
 - Rose and Oliver went for walks in the country.
 - Oliver saw Monks and Fagin at the window.
 - Monks saw Oliver in the village.
 - 1 Nancy told Fagin that Bill was safe.
 - Rose told Oliver that there was no one at the window.



After Reading

- 5 Read and listen, then take roles and act out the episode.
- 6 Why do you think Monks hates Oliver?
- 7 What do you think is going to happen in the next episode?





Before Reading

- 1 Look at the pictures. Who:
 - 1 is giving someone money?
 - 2 is lying in bed?
 - 3 is talking to Rose in picture 6?
 - 4 is holding/hugging Oliver?
- 2 Why do you think Monks goes to see old Sally?



While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and mark the sentences as *T* (true) or *F* (false).
 - 1 Bill tells Nancy to go to Fagin's and get some money for food.
 - 2 Nancy goes to Rose's hotel.
 - 3 Mr Brownlow is in London.
 - 4 Mr Brownlow knows Rose.
- 4 Read the episode, then read the sentences and say who the words in bold refer to.
 - 1 "... and forget all about **me**, Oliver Twist and his dead mother."
 - 2 "Nancy, I'm sick ..."
 - 3 "All right! Bill can get **him** back."
 - 4 "You don't know **me**, Mr Brownlow ..."



After Reading

- 5 Read and listen, then take roles and act out the episode.
- 6 In pairs, decide who is the nicest character in the episode and who is the most evil. Explain your reasons.



Oliver Twist

Young orphan Oliver Twist runs away from the cruelty of a workhouse and meets Fagin and his gang of thieves on the streets of London. Who will save Oliver from his life of crime? And what is the secret of Oliver's real identity?

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