

Nicholas Nickleby

Book key

1.1 Open answers

1.2 Open answers

- 2.1 1 False. Ralph has no friends and is unpopular with his neighbours.
 2 False. Nicholas's father has died and his mother has had to sell their house to pay his debts.
 3 True. Ralph sends Nicholas to work at a school in Yorkshire.
 4 True. Smike thinks that Nicholas is going to hurt him.

- 2.2 1 a Ralph Nickleby
 b Newman Noggs
 c Wackford Squeers
 d Smike
 e Kate Nickleby
 f Nicholas Nickleby

- 2 tall, thin and afraid D
 rich and selfish A
 strange-looking but kind B
 ugly and cruel C
 3 emotional ✓ He is upset because Ralph is rude about his father.
 grateful ✗ He is not grateful for Ralph's help.
 lonely ✓ He is lonely when he arrives at Dotheboys Hall.
 proud ✓ He is proud, so he wants to refuse Ralph's help.

- 2.3 1 expression
 2 rudeness
 3 complaint
 4 hunger
 5 anger
 6 treatment

2.4 Open answers

- 3.1 1 C 2 F 3 B 4 A 5 E 6 D

3.2 1 Fanny Squeers

- 2 John Browdie
 3 Smike
 4 Newman Noggs
 5 Miss La Creevy
 6 Ralph Nickleby
 7 Kate Nickleby
 8 Mrs Nickleby

- 3.3 1 ... if he could lend her a pen.
 2 ... when she could meet the lucky young man.
 3 ... if he had anything to say.
 4 ... what he was doing there.
 5 ... if he had run away with Smike.

3.4 Open answers

- 4.1 1 a Kate: H (This man is very rude.)
 b Sir Mulberry: F (She's unfriendly but attractive.)
 2 a Kate: A (She's jealous of me.)
 b Mrs Witterly: G (Sir Mulberry comes to see her a lot.)
 3 a Mrs Nickleby: C (He's rich and very important.)
 b Sir Mulberry: D (She's easy to control.)
 4 a Nicholas: E (He's a lying coward.)
 b Sir Mulberry: B (He's unimportant.)

- 4.2 1 A 2 E 3 D 4 B 5 H 6 G 7 C 8 F

- 4.3 1 had met
 2 had sat
 3 had embarrassed
 4 had felt
 5 had left
 6 had told

4.4 Open answers

- 5.1 1 Squeers comes to London to find more pupils for Dotheboys Hall.
 2 Smike works in the garden.
 3 The rent is low and they offer to lend him money for the furniture.
 4 True.
 5 John Browdie pretends to feel ill.

- 5.2 1 Nicholas / Charles Cheeryble
 2 Charles Cheeryble / Nicholas
 3 Kate / Smike
 4 Wackford Squeers / Smike
 5 Smike / John Browdie
 6 Wackford Squeers / Smike

- 5.3 1 Ralph Nickleby was visited by Squeers.
 2 The old gentleman was not offended by Nicholas.
 3 Nicholas was taken across London by the old gentleman.
 4 'You will be paid 120 pounds a year (by the brothers)'
 5 'The garden has been made a place of great beauty.'
 6 'My wife's ring was stolen by this boy.'

5.4 Open answers

- 6.1 1 Kate (the others do not know)
 2 Mr Bray, Arthur Gride, Ralph Nickleby
 6.2 1 a Brooker
 b he knows an interesting secret
 2 a Mr Snawley
 b he says that he is his father
 3 a Madeleine
 b she refuses his help
 4 a Charles Cheeryble
 b his wife loved him

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5 a Arthur Gride

b he wants to marry her

6 a Peg Sliderskew

b she has stolen his business papers

6.3 1 publicly 2 accidentally 3 eventually

4 nervously 5 scornfully 6 Finally

6.4 Open answers

Talk about it Open answers

Write about it Open answers

Project Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–18 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 a ✓ b ? c ✓ d X e X f ✓

2 a Smike b Newman Noggs c Mrs Nickleby

d Ralph Nickleby e Miss La Creevy

f Wackford Squeers

3 a evil b persuade c agency d lodgings e hugged

f relieved

4 a Fanny Squeers when she meets Nicholas.

b Tilda while she is having tea with Fanny, John and Nicholas.

c Nicholas when Fanny and Tilda fight for him.

d Smike when Nicholas allows him to go home with him.

e Newman Noggs when he sees Nicholas and Smike at the door of his house.

f Kate when Ralph says that Nicholas is a thief.

5 Open answers

6 a restaurant: hotel

b mother: sister

c Nicholas: the waiter

d where he worked: his name and address

e on horseback: in a carriage

f sorry: that they didn't need his help any more

7 a Wackford Squeers came in.

b didn't have a job.

c how much he would be paid and that he could move to the Cheeryble's cottage with his family.

d was very happy and started working hard in the garden.

e they pushed him inside a coach and took him to an ugly house.

f he helped Smike escape.

8 a Madeline: Nicholas and Mr Gride

b John Browdie: Tilda

c Himself: Ralph

d Madeline's mother: Charles

e Kate: Sir Mulberry Hawk

f Tilda: John Browdie

9 a Brooker

1 He wants money from Ralph

2 Brooker wants to tell Ralph something.

b Ralph

1 He wants them to help him with his plans.

2 Ralph wants to take revenge on Nicholas.

c Charles Cheeryble

1 He wants Nicholas to visit Madeline and pay for her paintings.

2 He wants to help Madeline.

d Mr Bray

1 He wants the money Nicholas brought.

2 He wants a newspaper, fruit and wine.

e Arthur Gride

1 He wants Ralph to talk to Mr Bray.

2 He wants to marry Madeline and have her little house to himself.

f Nicholas

1 He wants Newman to tell him everything about Madeline's marriage.

2 He wants to tell Madeline his true feelings for her.

10 a Peg Sliderskew b Frank Cheeryble c Snawley

d Squeers e Tim Linkinwater f Ralph Nickleby

11 a 2 b 5 c 1 d 3 e 4 f 6

12–14 Open answers

Progress test key

1 a begged b owed c sighed d clerk

2 a X b ✓ c ✓ d ✓

3 a Fanny Squeers had sent a letter to Ralph telling him that Nicholas had attacked them and stolen a ring.

b he was not a thief.

c that Nicholas was a dangerous criminal.

d because of what he said about his brother.

4 a companion

b shyness of love

c good for his business

d rude unpleasant man

5 a 1 b 3 c 2 d 5 e 4

6 a being rude to his mother and sister: kidnapping Smike.

b the man told him she was the Cheerybles' niece: he pretend not to hear him.

c asked Ralph for help to take revenge: ran away to London feeling very embarrassed.

7 a 1 b 2 c 1

8 a will b defeated c grave d killed himself

9 a ✓ b ✓ c X d ✓