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Key- comprehension questions (pp. 108-112)

**Chapter 1**

1. Mrs Taylor wants to knows who was with Ben (p. 8, ll. 7-8).
2. “Ben has been doing well at school this year.”, p.8, l. 29 (Mrs Taylor)

**Chapter 2**

1. Ying, the Mouth, Knuckles, Jetta and Trixie
2. They (THE GROUP) are hiding in the Shack as the COMPANY can track them on the phone (cf. p. 11). The COMPANY has a new personal assistant app called *Perfect Pal Plus*. The GROUP plans to hit the company and they want to make sure not to be found by spies of the COMPANY.
3. Ying thinks that Paige might be a spy (cf. p. 13, l. 25).

**Chapter 3**

1. Ben won’t be allowed to come back to school for the rest of the school year (p. 8, ll. 26 -27) and for the next four days he has to stay at home. “He cannot leave the house.” (p. 9, ll. 8-20). That’s what his parents decided.
2. Jerry is an app on Ben’s phone (cf. p. 17).

**Chapter 4**

1. Ben’s mother presents the HOME VIDEO button on her tablet screen and selects “Ben’s room”. Then a live view of Ben’s room appears on the screen (p. 17, l. 19ff.). She can check every room in the house on the screen (but not the garden for example).
2. Ben wants to get some video games at an electronic shop at Eden Square. There is a big sale on that day (cf. p. 19, ll. 17 – 21). When he arrives, he looks at the COMPANY shop next to the video shop. (It is mentioned that his parents work at the COMPANY.) He is watching a girl in front of that shop (cf. p. 20).

**Chapter 5**

1. Knuckles throws the table into the air to divert the security guard’s and the shop assistants’ attention away from the shop. They leave the shop and the security guard runs after Knuckles.
2. Ben gives the girl a 5-pound note because he thinks that she won it as the kid (Knuckles) had no idea how she did the trick. And he writes his name, telephone number and a smiley face on the note that he gives the girl (cf. 25, ll. 19 -26).

**Chapter 6**

1. Ben’s parents are working very hard to be ready for the launch of the COMPANY’s newest product – *Perfect Pal Plus*” (p. 26, ll. 26-27).
2. Ben’s father wants Ben to trust him and he thinks that it is normal for him to have some secrets of his own. Ben’s mother on the other hand doesn’t trust her son and wants to find out the truth.

**Chapter 7**

1. The problem is that not very many people will see the news about the hit as it will not be on telly and they cannot spread the news on social media themselves. It would be easy for the COMPANY to find them (cf. p. 29, l. 27 – p. 30, l. 4).
2. The COMPANY might have the idea to check all the film material (footage) from all the security cameras and then they might find the girl with the black hair – Paige.

**Chapter 8**

1. Ben thinks that the people are boring (cf. p.33, l. 18).
2. Knuckles (working as a waiter), Ying (working in the kitchen) and The Mouth and Jetta come into the building. (Trixie and Paige are outside with their bikes.)

**Chapter 9**

1. Paige finds it very strange that Ben gives her a call at the very moment when she is looking at the 5-pound note. He says that he found out her number by checking city listings for magicians. But then he admits someone she knows gave him her phone number.
2. Ben gives her his dates like name, address, age so that she can check them. She finds out that he told her the truth.

**Chapter 10**

1. Paige thinks that kids who always talk to their phones are boring because they don’t see what’s going on around them (cf. p. 43, ll. 5-9).
2. Ben replies that “everybody has a Perfect Pal” – he is obviously not worried about being checked out by the app (p. 43, ll. 29-31). He knows about the app and she tells Ben that she doesn’t want to have a “friend” like that (p.46, ll.23-26). She is not willing to give away her privacy.

**Chapter 11**

1. Ben accuses his mum of spying on him with Jerry and more specifically wanting to control him.

His mother gets angry and shouts at him saying that he should stop telling her what that “horrible gang of kids are saying”. She knows about the GROUP and questions Ben about them. They are having an argument about the GROUP and Ben says: ”You collect information about everyone – just like a spy agency or the secret police. Kids have a right to their privacy just like you” (p. 49, ll. 13-15).

1. Ben’s parents look at Jerry’s activity report and at photos of the girl and recognize her as a member of the GROUP. They “put Jerry on high alert” (p. 50, l. 12) so that Jerry informs them about Ben’s activities every 30 minutes especially when meeting the kids of the GROUP.

**Chapter 12**

1. Trixie says that “a few stunts like that won’t change anything” (p. 52, ll. 25-26) and she adds that “the news isn’t about the COMPANY is spying” on them (p. 53, ll. 6-7). In her opinion it is not enough in order to show people how dangerous the COMPANY’s activities are.
2. Jetta explains that they “have to get real information that shows how the COMPANY is controlling us all” (p. 53, ll. 14-15). In order to do that they should get a spy inside the COMPANY, she suggests.

**Chapter 13**

1. Suddenly Ben’s mum is more interested in ending the GROUP’s activities because of their activities at the launch of the *Perfect Pal Plus* (p. 55, ll. 23-25) but also because for her it has become a personal matter as her son Ben is in contact with the GROUP now (p. 56, ll. 6-7).
2. The COMPANY’s idea to beat the GROUP is to make use of their knowledge about the GROUP and lead them on a wrong track and get the evidence they need for giving a report about their activities to the police (p. 57, ll. 6-7).

**Chapter 14**

1. The way Ben is talking to Jerry is changing. At the beginning of this chapter he tells him to shut up and he wants him to stop asking questions and just wants him to do what he tells him to do (p. 57, ll. 23-24) but then he comes to an “agreement” with Jerry and he seems to believe in what Jerry is promising him. Jerry gives him a few arguments to show him that he is on his side (and not on his parents’ side), cf. pp. 60-61). Jerry helps Ben to find Paige’s address and helps him to sneak out the house without his parents noticing it. At the end of the chapter Ben is talking with Paige at her place and then he puts Jerry into the freezer to finally shut him up (cf. p. 63f).
2. Ben finds icons and folders on his dad’s computer. He is specially looking for the folders called HOME VIEW and PRIVATE and sees all the information that his parents collected about his private life (p 59, ll. 6-17). He also finds big files on the GROUP with photos and descriptions of each member (p. 63, ll. 1-2).

**Chapter 15**

1. Knuckles tells the other members that he knows Ben is a COMPANY kid (cf. 67, ll. 4-5). They are all very suspicious of Ben.
2. Ben can convince them that he is on their side by giving proof that he hasn’t got a phone, microphone, etc. on him and he tells them how he found out that his parents who work for the COMPANY were watching every move he made (p. 68, ll. 15-17). He tells them that he thinks they are the “good guys” and the people at the COMPANY are “liars” and he says he can help them (p. 69, pp. 10-12). Then he offers them to steal his dad’s computer and bring it to the Shack. (Knuckles will go with him to make sure that he does what he says.)

**Chapter 16**

1. Ying sees Trixie’s bike and then a girl in a black dress – short black hair, dark eyes and lots of make-up. She recognizes the voice as Trixie’s voice.

**Chapter 17**

1. She explains that at the station she just went to the toilet and that she phoned her mother. About her disguise she says that Jetta gave her the idea that it was important to get a spy into the COMPANY. She adds that she saw an advert about a job as a receptionist and applied for an interview which would take place in an hour.

**Chapter 18**

1. Knuckles thinks that the Reckords’ house is “posh” as it is very luxurious with a gym, security cameras in every room, a home cinema and in the kitchen “even the stove has a computer”(p.76, l.13).
2. Jetta finds the COMPNAY’s files and the material about the GROUP on the hard drive. They are very surprised to see that there are photos of the Shack’s inside.
3. Because of the photos they find on the computer they know that there is a spy in the GROUP and it is Calypso – Trixie.

**Chapter 19**

1. Mrs Reckord thinks that Ben has been kidnapped because she gets a message from her HOME VIEW SYSTEM that something is wrong at her house. Therefore, she is worried about Ben. When she checks on Jerry’s activity report about Ben, she finds out that he is not at home but at Paige Caldwell’s home.
2. She thinks that the GROUP has kidnapped Ben.

**Chapter 20**

1. The GROUP stays at the Shack because they want to be found by the police so that Jetta has the chance to finish her job with the computer in the storage room. When the police finds them, they will not look for Jetta.

**Chapter 21**

1. Richard Sykes, the boss of the COMPANY, tells the press that a group of young people, who call themselves the GROUP, attacked their shops and that the police managed to arrest them. He adds that he is aware of the fact that they are young people “trying to find their way in the world” but goes on that they are on the wrong track as they destroy private property and by doing so take the law in their own hands (cf. p.55, l. 23ff.)
2. Reacting to the journalists’ questions he explains that the GROUP’s claims are untrue in his opinion because the COMPANY’s products help the people in today’s busy world. And they would only collect data that the customers want them to collect – “no more, no less” (p. 86, ll. 12-13).
3. When a journalist asks him for proof showing that the information that the GROUP put online today are untrue, Richard Sykes is obviously confused and cannot react adequately.

The information showcases that the *Perfect Pal* app is not only spying on its customers but is also collecting data about their customers that is sent back to the COMPANY even when their phones are switched off. Experts obviously agree with the GROUP’s criticism.

**Chapter 22**

1. The press reports that the GROUP’s claims have proved to be correct and there was no evidence against them as the photos of the attack could not be found. That’s why they confirmed the claims against the COMPANY who now withdraws the *Perfect Pal* app from the market until “a security glitch” has been corrected (p. 89, ll. 18-20).
2. Jetta warns the Mouth to be careful when talking to the press because the media is only interested in making the people watch their shows and are not interested in the truth (p. 90, ll. 4-18).

**Chapter 23**

1. Ben is angry at his parents because they should have known what they did to him when spying on him. His mother should have known as a lawyer that spying is illegal and his father who had written the software for the app must have known about the details of it.
2. Jerry assures Ben that he really was his friend and wanted to help him before the phone’s screen turns green and the app is uninstalled. (On their way home Ben throws the phone out of the car window.)

**Chapter 24**

1. - individual answers -

Maybe he wanted to give him something special to celebrate in order to say without words that Ben and the GROUP have a reason to be happy and celebrate.

**Chapter 25**

1. It’s Christmas Day and he wants to open his presents.
2. First, he is “confused and a bit disappointed” (p. 98, l. 9) but later he is hooked on the phone as his mother has to call him for dinner many times before coming.
3. - individual answers -