



Reading Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Chapter 23- Brendan the Bully and the Breaking News

By the time Brendan-the-Bully had begun to sing the song for the fourth time, I think all of us had forgotten what Mrs Sanders had said about everyone being on their best behaviour and the giant radar and about there being lots of reporters everywhere. Because suddenly, without even thinking about it, I made a running lunge for Brendan-the-Bully – and Tom and Josie and Michael did the same! We all crashed into each other and, falling to the floor, began punching and kicking Brendan-the-Bully and Liam and Chris just as hard as we could. I think I must have been punched and kicked back too, but I was so angry I couldn't feel anything.

Ahmet stood frozen to the floor and watched us not knowing what to do, but after a few seconds, he roared and, jumping on top of Brendan-the-Bully, began to hit him as hard as he could too!

The fight didn't last for more than a minute, because a few seconds after we had all fallen to the floor, we could hear a whistle hurrying our way and clicking noises like camera buttons being pressed, as lots of pairs of hands started to pull us away. We were marched into school and up the stairs and the next thing I knew, we were all standing in Mrs Sanders' office, being stared at angrily by not only Mrs Sanders, but Mrs Khan and Ms Hemsli too.

**Inference**

Why did the fight start? (listen to the whole chapter to help you)

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Why doesn't the narrator know whether they have been hurt or not?

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*we could hear a whistle hurrying our way and clicking noises like camera buttons being pressed*

What two things does this extract tell us are happening whilst the fight is going on?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

Find and copy two words which tell you that the teachers are cross with the children.

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\*Tricky question: Why do you think Ahmet *stood frozen to the floor and watched us not knowing what to do*? Use the extract and think about the whole story to help you answer this question.

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