

About the Author

Morris Gleitzman was born in England, in 1953 and emigrated to Australia in 1969.

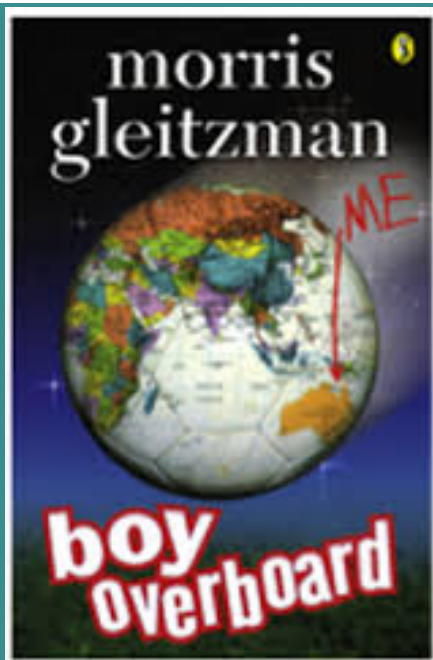
He studied journalism, and worked as a screenwriter for television comedy for ten years, becoming one of Australia's best-known television writers, also writing a number of feature films and screenplays.

He wrote his first book, *The Other Facts of Life*, in 1987. After which he has gone on to write another 33 titles. Popular titles authored by Morris Gleitzman include *Two Weeks with the Queen* (1989), *Misery Guts* (1991), *Worry Wort*, *Blabber Mouth* (1993), *Second Childhood*, *The Now, Us and Then Trilogy*. He is known for his tough subjects, presented in a humorous and offbeat style. *Boy Overboard* (2002) is the tale of an Afghan Child refugee's journey to Australia

His *Wicked!* series of six books, written with Paul Jennings, are now collected as *Totally Wicked!* (1999).

Morris Gleitzman is also a well-known columnist. He has written regularly for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Melbourne Age*, and for *Young Telegraph*.





A story of adventure, ball control and hope.

Jamal and Bibi have a dream. To lead Australia to soccer glory in the next World Cup.

But first they must face landmines, pirates, storms and assassins.

Can Jamal and his family survive their incredible journey and get to Australia?

Sometimes, to save the people you love, you have to go overboard

Chapter One

Background Information: This story begins in the country of Afghanistan.



You may have heard of

Afghanistan because Australia and its allies have recently finished fighting a war there.



Manchester United are a Premier League Football team in England. They are a popular team all around the world - even in Afghanistan!



Click here to listen to Morris Gleitzman read Chapter One and read along with him with the words on the Smartboard.



I Remember

Turn to your partner and tell them three things you remembered from this chapter.

E.g. I remember when

Still Pictures

In this chapter there are 6 characters: Mussa, Aziz, Jamal, Zoltan, Yusuf and Bibi. Let's remember what happened: Yusuf is the goal keeper and Jamal has the ball. The others are trying to get the ball off him when Bibi appears. What was everyone's reaction to Bibi?

Assign each person in your group a character and then consider where each character might be standing in that part of the scene. Also consider the facial expressions of each character and the body language.

Group 1: You will make a still picture of when Jamal has the ball (before Bibi comes).

Group 2: You will make a still picture of when Bibi appears and everyone notices except Jamal.

Group 3: You will make a still picture of when Jamal notices Bibi. Bibi has the ball.

Group 4: You will make a still picture of when they try to get the ball off Bibi.

Group 5: You will make a still picture of after Bibi scored a goal.

Tapping In: The teacher will point to a random character in the still picture and only that character may talk. That character gets to tell the class what they are thinking and what is happening. Answer as though you are really the character.

In your English book write the following heading and answer the questions in full sentences.

A sentence starter has been given to assist you in writing in full sentences. Use it!

Chapter One Questions (date)

- 1) Who was playing soccer? _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ were playing soccer.
- 2) Who is telling the story? **The story is told by.....**
- 3) Who is Bibi? **Bibi is**
- 4) Why do the boys stop playing soccer and stare at Bibi when she first appears in the story? **The boys stop playing soccer and stare at Bibi because**
- 5) Why does Bibi want to play soccer? **Bibi wants to play soccer because...**
- 6) Why do Aziz, Mussa and Zoltan go home? **Aziz, Mussa and Zoltan go home because...**
- 7) How does Jamal feel about Bibi playing soccer? **Jamal feels.....about Bibi playing soccer**
- 8) Why mightn't the children go onto the other side of the rocket crater? **The children might not go onto the other side of the rocket crater because.....**

Chapter 2

Let's recap: In the last chapter we were introduced to Jamal.

He is the main character in Boy Overboard. We also met his friends; Yusuf, Musa, Aziz and Zoltan. We also met Bibi. She is Jamal's little sister.



We learned that Jamal is a big fan of football (soccer) and that his favourite team is Manchester United. We also learned that living in Afghanistan is not easy for girls. Bibi isn't supposed to be playing football - actually none of the children are. Bibi isn't supposed to be outside. Under the rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan girls must stay inside the home unless they are with a male adult, for example their father.

Another interesting fact is that girls are not allowed to go to school and learn. We haven't heard this yet in the story but we will...try and remember this fact for chapter 3 as it will be important.

Activity: Picture Quilt draft

Choose either Jamal or Bibi.

In your book draw a picture of what you think they may look like. Around them write down your initial thoughts about their personality.

Are they brave, clever, funny, smart, do they worry a lot, are they care free?

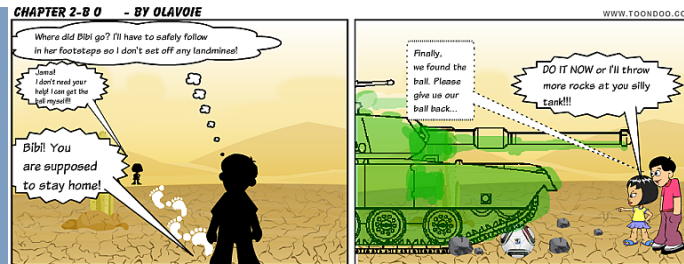
This is only a draft and we will add to the list of words as we get to know the characters better.



Chapter 2 Questions (date)

- 1) What are landmines? Landmines are
- 2) Why does Jamal think Bibi hasn't stepped on a landmine? Jamal doesn't think Bibi has stepped on a landmine because.....
- 3) Why isn't Jamal scared of the tank when he first sees it? When Jamal first sees the tank he isn't scared because
- 4) Why does Bibi think Mum and Dad won't be worried about her? Bibi thinks Mum and Dad won't be worried because she
- 5) Why does Jamal need to get home and tear up the note? Jamal needs to get home and tear up the note because
- 6) Is the tank abandoned? The tank abandoned because.....
- 7) Why does Jamal tell Bibi to run? Jamal tells Bibi to run because....
- 8) Why doesn't Jamal run? Jamal doesn't run because
- 9) What makes the 'clang' sound? The 'clang' sound is
- 10) Why does Bibi call the tank a "squishy lump of camel snot?" Bibi calls the tank a "squishy lump of camel snot" because

The story so far...
The boys were playing soccer and all of a sudden Jamal's little sister appears and takes control of the ball. She scores a goal, but the other boys are not happy. They don't want to get caught being with a girl and get in trouble so they go home.



Bibi chases the ball out into the desert. The desert is filled with land mines and Jamal is worried his sister will step on one so he follows her to make sure she is safe.

The ball rolls and lands near a tank, which they initially think is abandoned. All of a sudden the tank moves and they realise someone is in the tank! Jamal told Bibi to run back to the soccer ground while he gets the ball but the chapter ends with Bibi throwing rocks at the tank!

Chapter 3 activity

Visualising - Draw a picture of Jamal's stand off with the tank.

Include some speech bubbles to show what Jamal is thinking and saying.

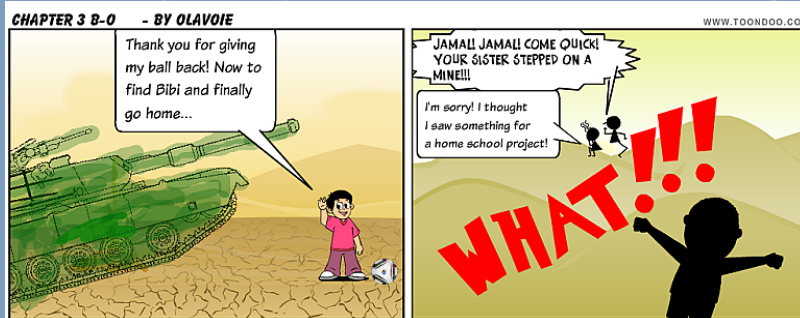
Include what you think might be in the background.

Chapter 3 Questions(date)

- 1) Why does Jamal think Bibi will get them killed? **Jamal thinks Bibi will get them killed because...**
- 2) Why does Jamal say "I'm beginning to see why the government wants to keep girls locked in doors". **Jamal says he can see why girls should be locked in doors because**
- 3) Why does Bibi walk in her own wind-blurred footsteps? **Bibi walks in her wind-blurred footsteps because.....**
- 4) Why can't Jamal leave the ball? **Jamal can't leave the ball because**
- 5) Why does Jamal imagine his desert warrior ancestors, but not his baking ancestors? **Jamal imagines his desert warrior ancestors instead of his baking ancestors because ...**
- 6) How does Jamal get the ball back? **Jamal gets the ball back when**
- 7) Where does the tank go? **The tank goes**
- 8) Who does Jamal think actually helped - the warrior ancestors or the bakers? **Jamal thinks the ancestors helped because**
- 9) What happens to Bibi at the end of the chapter? **At the end of this chapter Bibi**
- 10) How does Jamal know what happened to Bibi? **Jamal knows what happened to Bibi because**

Chapter 3 recap...

Jamal and Bibi drop to the ground and hope that the tank will not hurt them. They see that their football is half squashed under the caterpillar wheel of the tank. Jamal tries to get Bibi to leave and go back home while he negotiates get the ball back from the tank. Jamal summons up all the courage he has to confront the tank. He wishes at this point that he was more like his Mum's ancestors, fierce and brave desert warriors but he regrets that he is probably more like his father's ancestors, humble bakers. He politely but directly asks the tank for his football back. The tank backs up and spits the ball back at Jamal. Suddenly, Yusuf yells over to Jamal that while running back home Bibi stepped on a mine.



Character and Me

Choose a character (either Bibi or Jamal) and complete a character and me worksheet.

Chapter 4 Questions (date)

- 1) What does Jamal compare the smell of a land mine to? **Jamal compares the smell of a land mine to**
- 2) Before he sees Bibi on the land mine, how does Jamal know the land mine has not exploded? **Jamal knew the land mine had not exploded because**
- 3) Why hasn't the mine gone off? **The mine hasn't gone off because**
- 4) Why is Jamal's "Don't move" advice a dumb thing to say? **It was dumb for Jamal to say "Don't move" because**
- 5) Why is Yusuf angry/upset about the mine being so close to town? **Yusuf is angry and upset because**
- 6) What does Jamal say is the secret of soccer and why does he tell Bibi this? **Jamal says the secret of soccer is He tells Bibi this because.....**
- 7) What's Bibi's reaction to Jamal's advice? **Bibi**
- 8) What's Jamal's plan to save Bibi? **Jamal's plan to save Bibi is**
- 9) Why is it better for Jamal to be standing on the mine instead of Bibi? **It is better that Jamal is standing on the mine because**

Chapter 4 recap...

Jamal runs over to Yusuf and Bibi. Bibi has accidentally set up a mine by pressing down the ignite button.

Jamal panics and at first becomes angry with Yusuf for not watching Bibi.

Bibi admits that this situation was her fault. She got side-tracked when she saw a piece of metal that looked like a wing and she wanted to use it for her bird migration project at home. Yusuf and Jamal quickly come up with a plan to save Bibi from the mine. Jamal slowly presses his foot on the mine while Bibi slides her foot off the

mine. This act is truly courageous for Jamal. Although he does not see himself as brave, he is. Jamal convinces Bibi and Yusuf to run for help while he keeps his foot on the mine. Bibi and Yusuf take off but then Bibi has a change of heart and runs back to say she does not want her brother to risk his life for her. At this point, they both slip off the mine and panic that it will go off but it does not. Bibi and Jamal are relieved to still be alive and run home to safety.



Chapter 5 activity - see worksheet

It has been a tough day for Jamal and his friends - not to mention Bibi. Use the events from the day to create a timeline that shows the events in the correct order.

Answers under here...



Chapter 5 Questions (date)

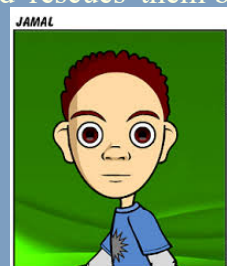
- 1) Why do the kids hide from the truck? **They hide from the truck because.....**
- 2) Why does Bibi hate trucks? **Bibi hates trucks because**
- 3) "I hate this whole country. This country is camel snot!"
Why does Jamal think you shouldn't hate your own country? **Jamal thinks you shouldn't hate your own country because**
- 4) Why is Bibi dressed like a boy? **Bibi is dressed like a boy because**
- 5) Why don't the people in the village notice Bibi? **Bibi isn't noticed because**
- 6) Why does Bibi look apologetically at Yusuf? **Bibi looks apologetically at Yusuf because...**
- 7) Who grabs the ball and why is he angry? **.....grabs the ball and he is angry because.....**
- 8) Did the kids really break the window? **The kids break the window.**
- 9) What does Jamal do to prove it was not him? **To prove it wasn't him Jamal**
- 10) What happens when Jamal kicks the ball? **When Jamal kicks the ball it.....**
- 11) What does Dad promise Mr Nasser? **Dad promises Mr Nasser that**
- 12) How does Jamal know Dad is actually angry? **Jamal knows Dad is really angry because...**

Chapter 5 recap...

Jamal, Bibi and Yusuf try to make their way home without Bibi being discovered. They are almost back to Jamal's place when a neighbour accosts them and accuses them of breaking his window.

Jamal tries to show him that it wasn't him because his soccer skills are so good and break's his other window.

Jamal's dad pulls up just in time in his taxi, talks to the neighbour and 'rescues' them but he is very angry with them.



Chapter 6 activity

Questioning Activity

Imagine you are Jamal or Bibi. Come up with a list of three questions you would like to ask Mum or Dad about what is happening.

Feelings activity

Complete a feelings chart for each character. Write how they must be feeling in this chapter.

Chapter 6 Questions (date)

- 1) What does Jamal think Dad is talking to Mum about in the bedroom? **Jamal think Mum and Dad are talking about....**
- 2) According to Jamal how do bakers become desert warriors? **Jamal thinks bakers become desert warriors by**
- 3) Why didn't Jamal feel hopeful when his parents left the bedroom? **Jamal didn't feel hopeful because**
- 4) What news do Mum and Dad tell Jamal and Bibi? **Mum and Dad tell Jamal and Bibi that....**
- 5) Why does the family have to leave the house? **The family have to leave the house because ...**
- 6) Predict what might happen next.
I think that will happen next because.....

Chapter 6 recap...

Dad drops Yusuf off and they go home. When they get home Dad starts talking to their Mum privately in the bedroom.

Bibi and Jamal sit waiting to get yelled at, but instead of yelling at them their parents tell them that they have to move.

When Jamal asks why, they say that the government found out about the illegal school they were running in their house.



Chapter 7 activity

Write a diary entry as though you are one of the characters in Jamal's family from Boy Overboard. Describe what is happening and how you are feeling.

Diary entry - Jamal

(date)

Dear diary,

What a crazy day it has been. First.....

Then.....

I couldn't believe it. I was so scared but I managed to get the ball back.

After that.....

Then.....

I was so relieved when the mine didn't go off.

On the way home....

I couldn't believe it!

When I got home something horrible happened. Mum and Dad....

I feel awful. I don't.....

Chapter 7 Questions (date)

- 1) How angry is Jamal? **Jamal is so angry that he.....**
- 2) How do the family feel? **The family feel**
- 3) What does Jamal believe will keep his family safe? **Jamal believes that**
- 4) Why doesn't Jamal start packing? **Jamal doesn't start packing because**
- 5) Why does Jamal's Dad stare at the oven? **Jamal's Dad stares at the oven because....**
- 6) What inspires Jamal to find a way to stay? **Jamal is inspired to find a way to stay by**

Chapter 7 recap...

Mum tells Bibi and Jamal to start packing.

Mum packs the candlestick that she believes will keep the family safe. It has been in their family for many generations.

Dad is sad to leave. Jamal finds Dad staring at the brick oven that his family have used for many generations as bakers.

Mum buried all of the school things in the floor in the basement.

When Jamal goes back to his room he sees a picture of himself scoring

a goal in the World Cup and it inspires him to make a plan to stay.



Chapter 8 Activity



Idioms

An idiom is a saying that creates an image that describes what is happening but does not literally mean the actual words that are said, for example "He's going overboard" does not mean he is climbing over the side of a boat and going over into the ocean.

Write down each of these idioms and their meanings and then draw a funny picture of the literal meaning.

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| 1) She's all ears | 6) It's a piece of cake |
| 2) It costs an arm and a leg | 7) It's a stone's throw away |
| 3) It's raining cats and dogs | 8) I told him to bite his tongue |
| 4) It's a dog's life | 9) To fight fire with fire |
| 5) They are going head to head | 10) To tow the line |

Chapter 8 Questions (date)

- 1) Where does Jamal's family spend the night? Jamal's family spend the night at
- 2) Where are Jamal's Mum and Dad? Jamal's Mum and Dad are
- 3) Why does Jamal find the Simpson's tea towels scary? Jamal finds the Simpsons tea towels scary because
- 4) What does Yusuf's grandfather mean when he says "They're saying he's going overboard" when there is no boat on the field? Yusuf's grandfather means....
- 5) What's Jamal's plan? Jamal's plan is to.....
- 6) Does Yusuf's grandfather think the plan will work? Why?
Jamal's grandfather thinks.....because.....

Chapter 8 recap...

Jamal and Bibi wait at Yusuf's house while their parents tell the the people that went to their school that they had to move. Jamal watches soccer with Yusuf's Grandpa and the comentator says that the player went "overboard" and Yusuf's grandpa explains to him what that meant, when he learned he decides to make a plan to stay.



Chapter 9 activity - predicting

What would you do next?

Imagine you are Jamal and Bibi's Dad.
What would you do next?

Write the next chapter of the story through the eyes of Jamal and Bibi's dad. Think about what his reaction might be to the house being blown up, what he will say to the children and where they will go/what they will do next?

Chapter 9 Questions (date)

- 1) What is the perfect way to get extra soccer practice? **The perfect way to get extra soccer practice is.....**
- 2) Why does Jamal say "Hello Alex Ferguson..." **Jamal says hello to Alex Ferguson because.....**
- 3) Whose voice does Jamal hear coming from the darkness? **Jamal hears voice coming from the darkness.**
- 4) Where are Jamal's mum and dad? **Jamal's mum and dad are.....**
- 5) What happens when Bibi kicks the ball? **When Bibi kicks the ball.....**
- 6) Why do you think the government has blown up the house?
I think the government has blown up the house because.....

Chapter 9 recap...

Jamal sneaks outside while everyone is asleep for extra football practice. It is safer because neighbours are asleep and you won't get arrested or imprisoned. While he was acting like he is a football player in Manchester United and making jokes about Alex Ferguson, Bibi comes out of the shadow silently and she says that she wants to play football. Before Jamal could stop her, she flicks the ball away from him. While Jamal is thinking that if they show their skills to the government, the government would understand that they are talented, and build a national football team, Bibi flips the ball over Jamal. After that Jamal understands that Bibi is a football natural. "Penalty shot", says Bibi and she boots the ball and the ball goes to their house accidentally. When the ball reaches the house, their house blows to pieces. A crashing wind smashes into Jamal and Bibi and flings them both to the ground. Jamal roles onto Bibi and tries to cover as much of her body with his while the air rips at them and stones rain down on them. Dad suddenly appears and pulls them to their feet. He was breathing hard. "Pigs", he hisses.



Chapter 10 activity - Evaluating

Order of importance

List the events of the day in the order of their importance to the story. Then write a sentence for each event to justify why you thought this event was more/less important than the other events.

Events:

- 1) Bibi plays soccer with the boys
- 2) Bibi steps on a landmine
- 3) Jamal breaks Mr Nasser's window
- 4) Jamal's parents tell Bibi and Jamal they have to leave
- 5) Jamal's house blows up.

Chapter 10 questions (date)

1) Where does Dad take Bibi and Jamal after the explosion?

Dad takes Bibi and Jamal

2) Where does dad say mum wants them to go? Dad says mum wants them to go to.....

3) What do the people in the village think has happened to Jamal's family? The people in the village think that Jamal's family.....

4) Why does dad look relieved when Yusuf's grandfather says the taxi isn't damaged and no one has noticed it? Jamal's dad looks relieved because.....

5) Why does Yusuf let Jamal take the soccer ball? Yusuf lets Jamal take the soccer ball because.....

6) Where do you think Jamal's mum is? I think Jamal's mum is....

Chapter 10 recap...

As Dad brings Bibi down the steps into Yusuf's grandfather's cellar away from the explosion, Jamal panics for a moment and asks his father about where his mother is. Jamal's dad pretends not to hear but Bibi insists. Dad tells them Mum will meet them in the city. Meanwhile, people outside ask each other about the explosion and the Jamal's family. Yusuf's grandfather tells Jamal's dad that the taxi is not damaged and no one has seen it yet. Jamal's father thanks Yusuf's grandfather and tells them that it's time for them to go.

Now, the most dramatic moment comes. It's the time for Jamal and Yusuf to say goodbye to each other. Jamal feels that it will not be easy. So, he just does not want to talk much because he knows that if he talks, he will start to cry. Jamal wants to give his own ball to Yusuf because when his old home exploded, Yusuf's ball had exploded with the house. Yusuf does not accept it. He tells Jamal that he will need it more than him. On the way to the city, Bibi asks again Mum. Jamal tells her that Mum has got more parents to warn. Bibi believes in him and asks him if they will stay together as a family after tomorrow. Jamal answers positively and says: "We may not be in Manchester, but we will always be united..."

Chapter 11 Activity - Reflecting

Think about the story so far...what was your favourite part?

Write a paragraph describing your favourite part of Boy Overboard so far.

Your paragraph must include the following information:

- * A description of the events that take place in that part of the novel
- * A justification of the reason it is your favourite part
- * A description of the way the author used any literary devices to engage you

For example: My favourite part of the story so far was the first chapter of Boy Overboard. It begins with the boys playing soccer. I liked the way Morris Gleitzman described the action as the ball passed between the boys. I also liked the way he described the way the other boys stopped playing but Jamal continued playing, but didn't tell the reader why the boys had stopped. I thought it was a good way to introduce us to the main characters of Jamal and Bibi.

Chapter 11 Questions _____ (date)

- 1) Why is Jamal's neck stiff when he wakes up? **Jamal's neck is stiff because.....**
- 2) Why does Jamal think dad will lose his temper? **Jamal thinks dad will lose his temper because.....**
- 3) Why are the light poles covered in tangled cassette tape? **The light poles are covered in tangled cassette tapes because....**
- 4) Why did Jamal's dad teach him to whistle? **Jamal's dad taught him to whistle because ...**
- 5) Where does dad leave Bibi and Jamal? **Dad leaves Bibi and Jamal.....**
- 6) If dad does not come back by the late afternoon what should Jamal and Bibi do? **If dad is not back by late afternoon Jamal and Bibi have to**
- 7) Where did dad go? **Dad went to**
- 8) Why does Jamal think mum and dad have gone to the soccer stadium? **Jamal thinks mum and dad have gone to the soccer stadium to.....**
- 9) How could Jamal and Bibi help convince the government soccer official? **Jamal and Bibi could help convince the government soccer official by**
- 10) Do you think Jamal's parents have really gone? Why do you think that? **I think Jamal's parents have gone to..... I think this because.....**

Chapter 11 Recap

Jamal and Bibi are asleep in dad's taxi and they wake up and see they are near the city.

Jamal and Bibi wonder why mum isn't there and they look at the tape trees.

Jamal and Bibi both get taken to an abandoned shop and are told to stay there.

Jamal's dad hands Jamal money so that if he isn't back by late afternoon they can use it. He is going to save mum and has packed breakfast

Jamal tries to cheer up Bibi while they're having breakfast by telling her about golden goals.

Jamal thinks that his mum and dad have gone to talk to the government about the National Soccer team

Chapter 12 Activity - Visualising

Draw a picture, or a few pictures, to show what happened in chapter 12. Feel free to include some speech bubbles of what the characters might be saying.

Chapter 12 Questions (date)

- 1) What does Jamal think is happening inside the soccer stadium? **Jamal thinks that.....**
- 2) What is Bibi's disguised as? **Bibi is disguised as.....**
- 3) Why do they need to wait until after they 'dazzle' them with their ball skills before they tell them that Bibi is a girl? **They can't tell them Bibi is a girl until after they dazzle them with their ball skills because.....**
- 4) What does Jamal see that he thinks is 'amazing'? **Jamal seesand he thinks its amazing.**
- 5) Why is Jamal shocked when he sees the tank drive onto the soccer pitch? **Jamal is shocked because.....**
- 6) Jamal and Bibi see someone they know on the soccer pitch - who is it? **Jamal and Bibi see....on the soccer pitch.**
- 7) Why do you think Jamal's mum is on the soccer pitch? **I think Jamal's mum is on the soccer pitch because.....**
- 8) Who comes to rescue mum? **.....comes to rescue mum.**
- 9) Describe how Jamal's mum escapes - use as many details as possible.
Jamal's mum escapes when.....

Chapter 12 Recap

Bibi is turned into a boy as they are about to enter the soccer stadium. They think they are going to see a game and impress the soccer officials.

Bibi is worried because she can't find her dad's taxi or mum and dad. Jamal is staring over the wall at the crowd of people until it goes silent and Jamal gets scared. An army truck comes on the field. Jamal and Bibi see the girls coming of the truck and think it's a warning to girls playing soccer.

Bibi sees their mum running to the end of the pitch.

Jamal decides to run onto the pitch and save his mum but then Jamal's dad had speed onto the pitch and has saved their mum.



Chapter 13 Activity - Inferring/Synthesizing

Maybe - (pg. 54)

You will be given a controversial statement. Your task is to come up with a list of reasons (pro and con) for why this statement may or may not be true.

For example: Little Red Riding Hood's mother shouldn't have sent her to grandmother's house by herself.

Agree: It is too dangerous for young children to walk alone through a forest.

Disagree: Children need to learn to be independent. If she knows the way and it is usually safe, she should be able to go visit her grandmother.

Your statement: **Bibi and Jamal should not have been left alone in the shop while their dad went to rescue their mum.**

Chapter 13 Questions ____ (date)

- 1) After Jamal and Bibi leave the stadium where do they go? Jamal and Bibi go to theafter leaving the stadium.
- 2) Why does Jamal tell Bibi it is a good thing that mum and dad are not at the shop? Jamal tells Bibi that it is a good thing mum and dad are not at the shop because.....
- 3) Why did the government want to kill Bibi's mum? The government wanted to kill Bibi's mum because.....
- 4) Where are the family going? The family are going.....
- 5) Why is dad painting the car? Dad is painting the car because....
- 6) Why is dad selling the taxi? Dad is selling the taxi because....
- 7) Why does Jamal imagine he is talking to Yusuf's grandfather? Jamal imagines he is talking to Yusuf's grandfather because....

Chapter 13 Recap

Bibi starts to worry that her mum and dad aren't coming back.

Their mum and dad rush home for them. They have to pack their stuff and leave Afganastan.

Dad paints the car so the people don't know that it's them. Bibi and mum pack the car at the same time.

Jamal imagines he is asking advice from Yusuf's grandfather.

Chapter 14 activity - plan for SMS between two characters from the story

Choose two characters from the story and imagine that they are communicating via text messaging about an incident that has happened so far in the story.

Write at least 7 back and forth texts between the characters that describe what is going on and how the characters feel.



Boy Overboard – Chapter 14 _____ (date)

1) Why are they hiding under smelly old sacks in the back of a truck?

They are hiding because....

2) How did the family afford to pay the truck driver?

The family could afford to pay the truck driver because....

3) Where are the family headed?

The family are headed towards....

4) How does Jamal feel about going to Australia?

Jamal feels.....about going to Australia because.....

5) Why did the truck stop?

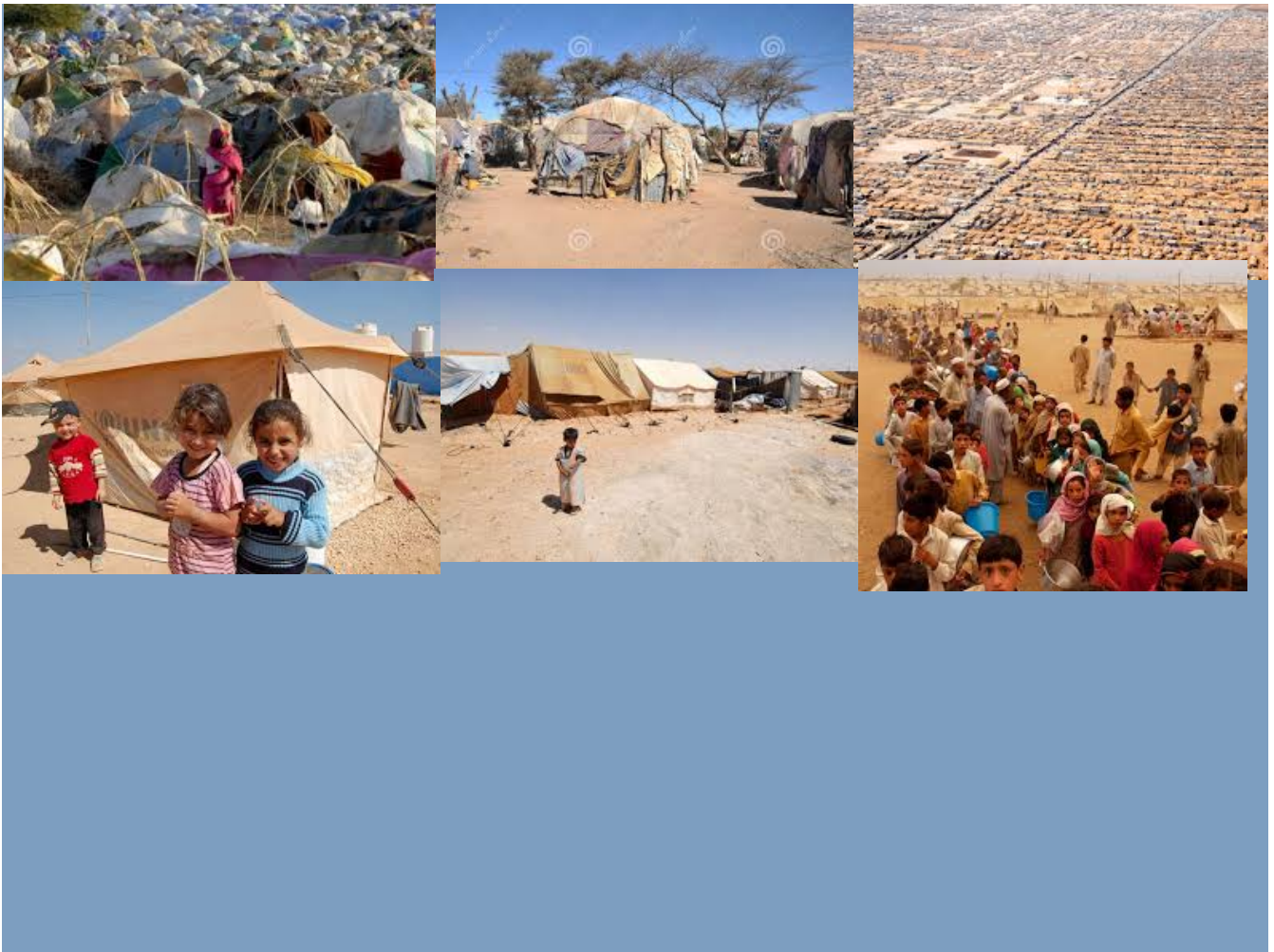
The truck stopped because.....

6) Who does Dad say goodbye to and why?

Dad says goodbye to.....because.....

7) Why does Jamal whisper 'thanks' to his ancestors?

Jamal whispers 'thanks' to his ancestors because.....



Chapter 15 Activity

Boy Overboard is written through the eyes of Jamal.

Write a paragraph (at least 7 sentences) that retells what happened in Chapter 15 through the eyes of one of the other characters (Mum, Dad or Bibi).

The paragraph must include an overview of the main events in the chapter.

Boy Overboard – Chapter 15 (date)

1) How does Jamal describe the crowd at the refugee camp?

Jamal says the crowd is.....

2) Describe Jamal's family's tent.

Jamal's family's tent is.....

3) Why did the boy take Jamal's ball?

The boy took Jamal's ball because.....

4) Why might the people in the older part of the camp seem sick?

The people in the older part of the camp might feel sick because.....

5) Jamal sees a truck with a red cross on it. Who owns this truck and why do you think they are there?

The truck with the red cross on it belongs to..... It is there because.....

6) How does Jamal feel when he meets the driver and why does he feel like that?

Jamal feels.....when he meets the driver because.....

7) What did the driver mean when he said 'buckets'?

When the driver said 'buckets' he meant.....

8) What was Jamal picturing in his mind when the driver said 'buckets'?

When the driver said 'buckets' Jamal was picturing.....

9) Why is there a miscommunication between the driver and Jamal?

There is a miscommunication because.....

10) Why is Jamal concerned about food and mines?

Jamal is concerned about food and mines because.....

Activity for Chapter 16 Fact or Fib

Bibi and Jamal have been on quite a journey so far - and it isn't over yet!

Come up with some fact or fib statements about the story so far.

Boy Overboard – Chapter 16 (date)

1) What idea do Dad's ancestor's give Jamal?

Dad's ancestors give Jamal the idea to.....

2) Who grabs Jamal's hand and what does he want?

..... grabs Jamal's hand. He wants.....

3) Did Jamal agree to give the boy the ball?

Jamal.....agree to give the boy the ball.

4) Who owns the car?

..... owns the car.

5) Why is Jamal trying to get the attention of the UN?

Jamal is trying to get the attention of the UN because.....

6) Where do the UN men go and why?

The UN men go..... because.....

7) Describe how Jamal feels when he sees the tent.

Jamal feels when he sees the tent.

8) Why do you think Dad might be surrounded by the Police?

I think Dad might be surrounded by the Police

because.....

Chapter 17 Activity - Questioning Web

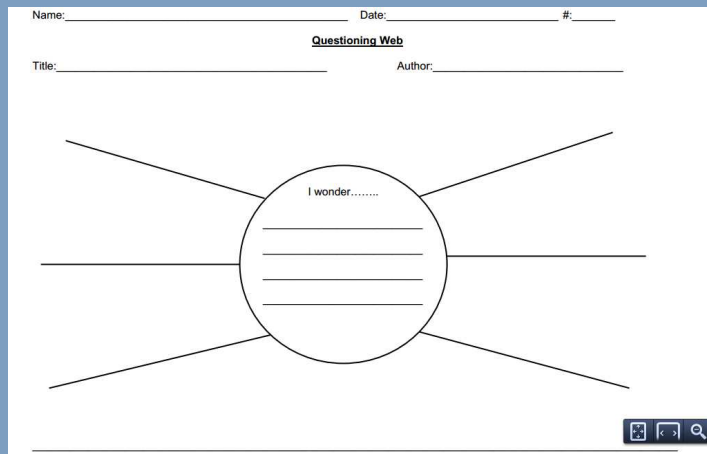
Complete the Questioning Web worksheet.

In the middle of the circle write an 'I wonder' statement. E.g. I wonder what will happen to Jamal's Dad.

Then on the six branches leading out from the circle write six different possible answers to your statement.

Then on the two lines at the bottom of the page write the most likely outcome or the outcome you hope will happen.

E.g. I think that Jamal's Dad will be



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Boy Overboard – Chapter 17 (date)

1) What does Jamal think the Police are there for?

Jamal thinks the Police are there to.....

2) Why does Dad give Jamal a 'pleading' look.

Dad gives Jamal a 'pleading' look because.....

3) Why is dad giving the Police money?

Dad is giving the Police money because.....

4) Where might they have gotten the money from?

They might have gotten the money from.....

5) Why does Mum cover Jamal's mouth?

Mum covers Jamal's mouth because.....

6) What is Bibi's opinion of Australia?

Bibi's opinion of Australia is.....

7) Why might Mum and Dad still be miserable?

Mum and Dad might still be miserable because.....

Chapter 18 - Alpha antics

Choose a letter of the alphabet and write an Alpha Antics for Boy Overboard.

Complete 5 different alphabet letters.

E.g.

A is for Boy Overboard because Jamal comes from Afghanistan.

B is for Boy Overboard because Bibi is Jamal's little sister.

Boy Overboard – Chapter 18 _____ (date)

1) Where are the family at the beginning of Chapter 18?

The family are.....

2) Why does Mum say 'Thank God' when she sees the plane?

Mum says 'Thank God' because.....

3) Why does Jamal seem surprised to hear the word 'boat'?

Jamal seems surprised to hear the word 'boat' because.....

4) What is a smuggler and do you think that the family can trust the smuggler?

A smuggler is..... I think the family trust the smuggler because.....

5) Why does Jamal think Mum is miserable?

Jamal thinks Mum is miserable because.....

6) Who are the men who yell 'Stop!'?

The men who yell 'Stop!' are

7) Why don't alarms go off when they scan Mum's bag?

Alarms don't go off when they scan Mum's bag because.....

8) How does Jamal feel when he learns what happened to the candlestick?

Jamal feels.....when he learns what happened to the candlestick because.....

Activity Chapter 19 - Connection Stems

Think about how your own experiences (things you have done yourself or things you have seen on movies/TV, or read in books) relate to the story of Boy Overboard.

Use 3 of the following connection stems to make statements that connect your experiences with those of Jamal and his family. Try to extend each of the statements by linking your experience with that of the characters and saying how you felt or what you saw. Explain how your experience was similar or different to that of the character. Each connection stem must have at least 5 sentences that links your experience to that of the book or characters.

E.g. I remember when I had my first time on a plane. It wasn't as old as the plane that Jamal and his family went on but it was still pretty scary. I was younger than Jamal, I was only 5. Both Jamal and I went on the plane with our family. I was travelling to Darwin and I am not sure where Jamal is travelling to yet.

- 1) I remember when.....
- 2) I read a book that reminds me of when.....
- 3) I and this is like when.....
- 4) I saw a movie/TV show that showed
- 5) I am like.....because I

Boy Overboard – Chapter 19 (date)

1) Describe what it is like on the plane.

On the plane it is.....

2) What will Jamal send Yusuf when he arrives in Australia?

Jamal will send Yusuf when he arrives in Australia.

3) Why are people praying out loud?

People are praying out loud because.....

4) Why does Bibi stick her tongue out at Jamal?

Bibi sticks her tongue out at Jamal because.....

5) What does Jamal realise they will have to do?

Jamal realises that they will have to

6) Where do you think the plane is taking them to?

I think the plane is taking them to because.....

Chapter 20 Activity - Diary entry

Choose one of the characters and write a diary entry for the events that happened in this chapter.

E.g. - Below is just an example of sentence starters. You can use your own.

Dear Diary,
Today was a day.
First we.....
I couldn't believe.....
Then.....
I could see that.....
When we finally
I was feeling.....
After that we.....
I couldn't believe it when.....
Finally we.....

Chapter 20 _____ (date)

1. Where are the family at the beginning of this chapter?

The family are.....

2. Why does Jamal think he will be safe in Australia?

Jamal thinks he will be safe in Australia because.....

3. Describe the boats

The boats are.....

4. Why does Jamal's dad say everything is fine when he looks anxious (worried)?

Jamal's dad says everything is fine because....

5. What time of day is it when they are sitting on the docks?

It is.....

6. Who joins in the soccer practice?

..... joins in the soccer practice.

7. What happens to the ball?

The ball

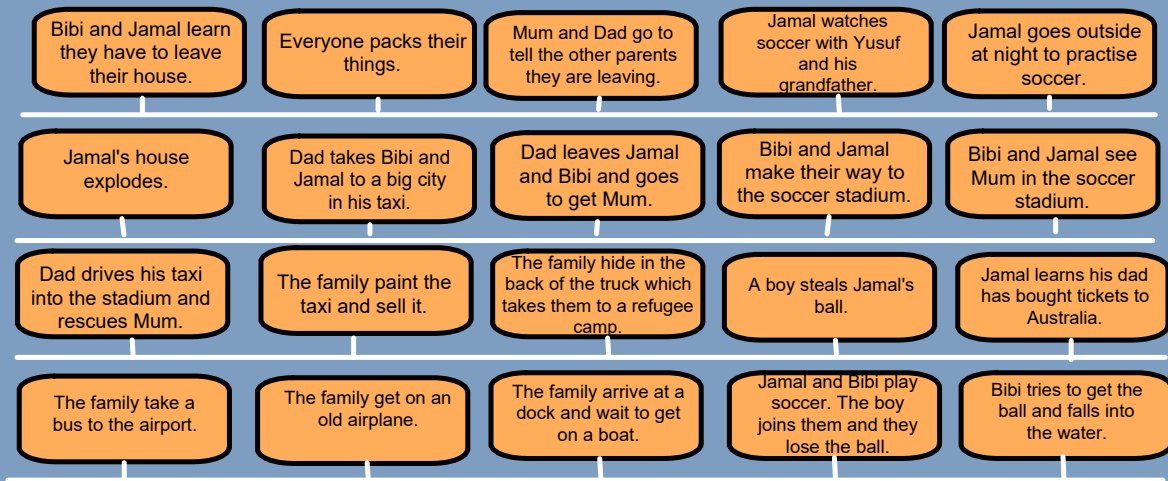
8. What does Bibi say to the boy?

Bibi says.....to the boy.

9. What options do Jamal and Bibi have now?

Jamal and Bibi have the following options, they can..... and they can.....

Chapter 21 - Complete the timeline worksheet.
Answers below



Chapter 21 (date)

1. Describe how Bibi and Jamal get separated from their parents.

Bibi and Jamal get separated when.....

2. What does Bibi do?

Bibi.....

3. Why does Bibi think getting the ball is important?

Bibi thinks it is important to get the ball because.....

4. What does the boy do?

The boy

5. What does Jamal do to save the boy?

Jamal

6. What happens to Bibi and why?

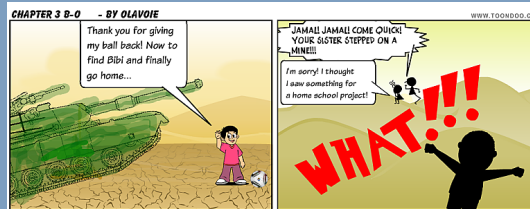
Bibi.....because.....
.....

Chapter 22 - Toondoo - chapter summary

In your book create a 3 or 4 squared comic strip to show what has happened in this chapter.

These may be later published on the computer using the program Toondoo.

See examples below.



Chapter 22 (date)

1. Describe how Bibi is saved.

Bibi is saved when.....

2. What was Jamal's picture of Australia like?

Jamal pictures Australia.....

3. Where are their Mum and Dad?

Their Mum and Dad are.....

4. Describe what happens to the boat.

The boat.....

Chapter 23 - visualising a scene from the story so far

Choose a scene from one of the more recent chapters.

Draw an illustration of the scene.

Write a short (three sentence) blurb about your illustration that demonstrates an understanding of what took place in that chapter.

Chapter 23 (date)

1. What does Jamal say to Bibi to calm her down?

Jamal tells Bibito calm her down.

2. Who does Jamal ask for help?

Jamal asks.....for help.

3. What does Bibi do to the sailor?

Bibi.....

4. What does Jamal learn about the boat?

Jamal learns that the boat.....

5. "Several land mines go off inside me" - What does this mean?

"Several land mines go off inside me" means.....

6. What would a desert warrior do?

A desert warrior would.....

7. Who else is on the boat? What does he have?

.....is on the boat. He has.....

8. What's the boy's name?

The boy's name is.....

9. Why does Omar say "If we're lucky"

Omar says "If we're lucky" because.....

Chapter 24 - Predicting - what will happen next?

Write a paragraph predicting what will happen next for each of the following characters: Bibi, Jamal, Mum and Dad.

Chapter 24 (date)

1. Describe the scene on the boat.

On the boat.....

2. Why is Jamal hungry?

Jamal is hungry because.....

3. Why is Jamal worried when he sees who is handing out soup?

Jamal is worried because.....

4. How does the blanket catch on fire?

The blanket catches on fire when.....

5. How does Jamal fix the situation?

Jamal fixes the situation by.....

6. Who was under the blanket? Describe this person.

..... was under the blanket. is.....

7. Why is everyone shocked when they see the girl?

Everyone is shocked when they see the girl because.....

8. Why did they all miss out on soup?

They all missed out on soup because.....

9. Why does Jamal say "I like her already"?

Jamal says "I like her already" because.....

Ch 25 - Questioning - Interviewing Jamal and Bibi - what would you ask?

Ch 26 - Answering someone else's
interview questions as the character

Ch 27 - Chapter summary comic strip

Ch 28 - Character analysis

ch 29 - Write the next chapter

Ch 30 - Acrostic
Poem - BOY
OVERBOARD

Ch 31 - Diary entry

ch 32 - communicative crossword

ch 33 - Visualising – draw what it might be like to be on the boat –
label with emotional words

ch 34 - Change the lyrics to a song to
reflect Bibi and Jamal's story so far

ch 35 - Connection
stems

ch 36 - hot seating

ch 37 - write the next chapter

ch 38 - Write a letter about
children in detention

Ch 39 - book review

ch 40 - Write the first chapter of
the next book