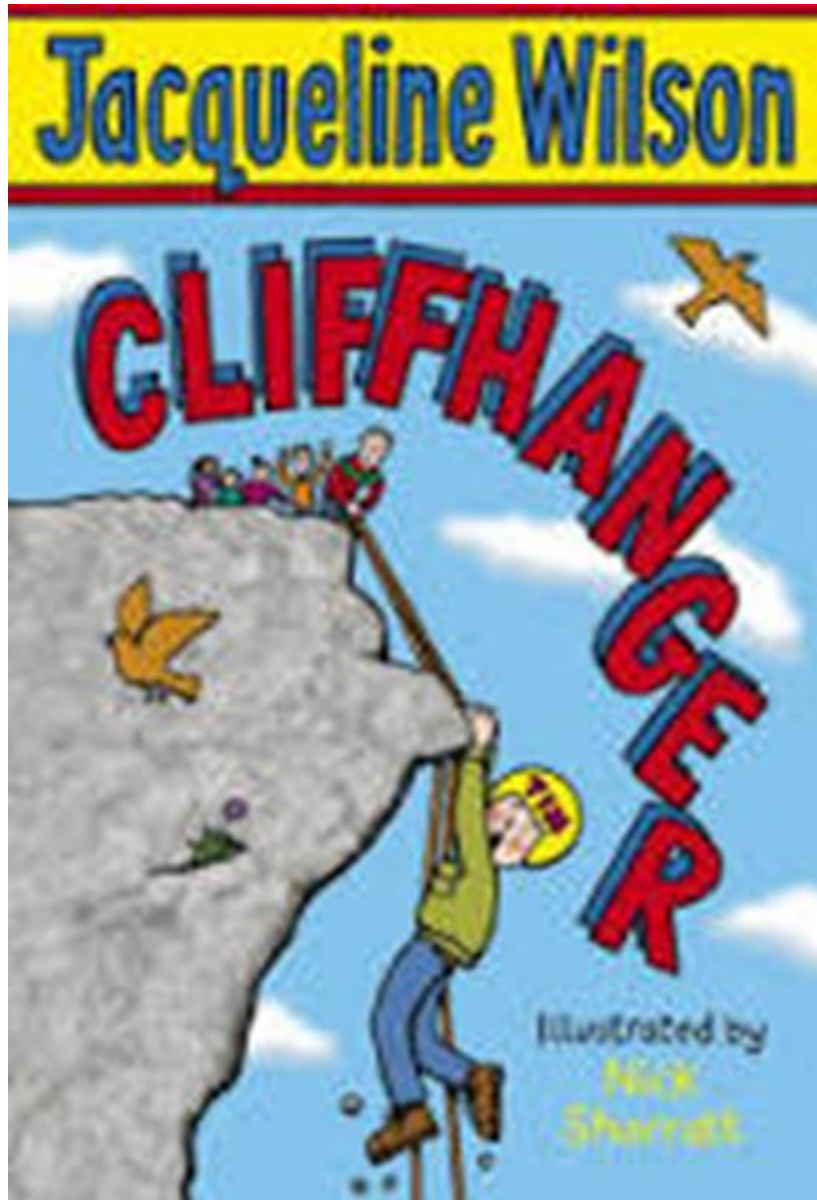


English Lesson Year 3

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Monday 22nd February 2021

Can I identify true and false statements about
Chapter 4?



What has happened to Tim so far?

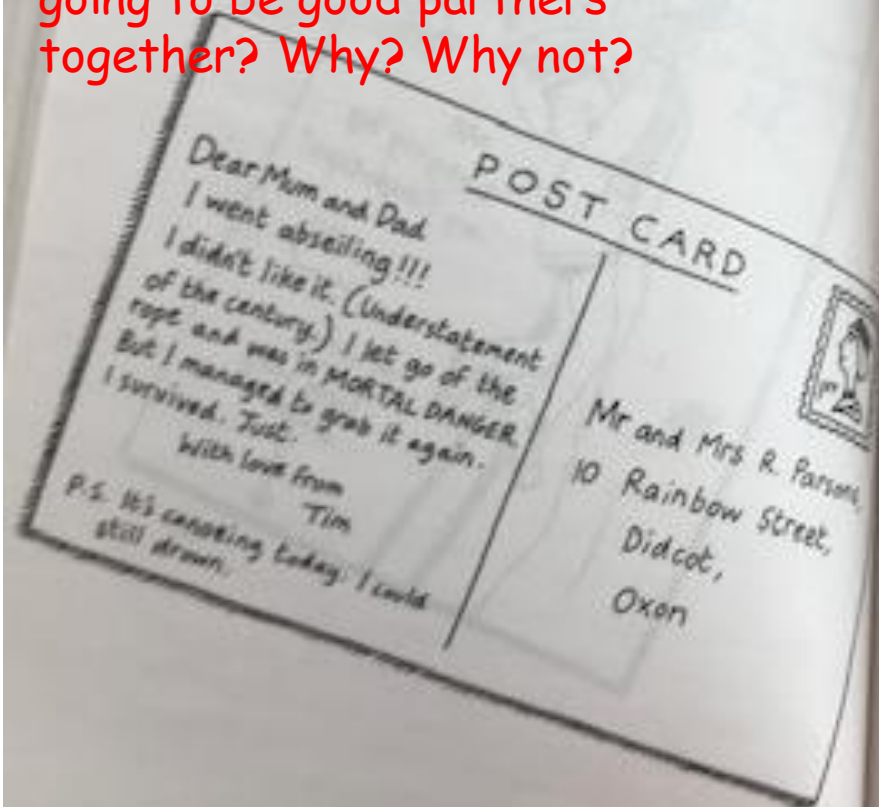
Who are the friends he has made? What are they like?

Let's now read chapter 4 of Cliffhanger with Mrs Mine.

Use this link but make sure you ask an adult first.

Why do you think Giles and Tim decided not to take the canoe race too seriously?

Do you think Giles and Kelly are going to be good partners together? Why? Why not?



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Chapter Four

Biscuits and I teamed up for the canoe race. Biscuits sat at the front. Our canoe tipped forwards. We swopped round which was *exceedingly* difficult. We got a bit wet in the process, but eventually I was squashed in the front and Biscuits sat behind me. Our canoe tilted backwards. We decided to put up with it. We agreed not to take the canoe race too seriously.

Giles and Kelly took it very seriously indeed. Jake had paired them up in one canoe. Giles stuck his nose in the air at the thought of sharing with Kelly. Kelly *held* her nose at the thought of sharing with Giles. But they made a very speedy pair

How do you know the other team were really strong?

What does the word vigorously mean?

Were Tim and Biscuits taking the race seriously?



...they were soon racing ahead through the water. Laura and Lesley were nippy too, paddling away like crazy.

'Come on, you Tigers!' Giles yelled, craning back at us.

There were just two huge Panthers ahead of Giles and Kelly. They had arm muscles like cannon balls and were way out in front. Giles and Kelly paddled frantically, desperate to catch them up.

'Nutters!' said Biscuits, wiping his brow. 'Phew! I don't think much of this canoeing lark, do you, Tim?'

'Yeah. This isn't my idea of fun,' I said, paddling hard.

'You can say that again,' said Biscuits.

'This isn't my idea of fun,' I said.

'You can say that again,' said Biscuits.

'This isn't my idea of fun,' I said, cracking up laughing.

'You can say that again,' said Biscuits, spluttering.

We were soon laughing so much we nearly capsized our canoe.

Giles and Kelly were getting nearer and nearer the mighty Panthers. They drew close, maybe too close. The Panthers went a bit wobbly – and suddenly Giles and Kelly were ahead.

'We're in front!' Giles yelled triumphantly.

'We are the champions!' Kelly sang, and she took something small out of her pocket and gave a victory wave.

She waved a little too vigorously. The small something flew through the air and did a swallow dive into the river.

Kelly screamed.

'Theresa! Come back! You can't swim!' She sounded frantic.

Giles was growing frantic too. He

Why was Kelly so upset about Theresa?

'Sit down! You'll have us over. What are you *doing*?' Kelly twisted and turned, practically paddling backwards.

'What's up with Kelly?' asked Biscuits, blinking at her.

'She's dropped Theresa in the water. You know. Her little Troll doll,' I explained.

We knew all about Kelly's lucky mascot. Jake and Sally didn't.

They heard Kelly yelling desperately and came whizzing over in their own canoe.

'Theresa's drowning!' Kelly sobbed.

'Where? Which canoe? There isn't a Theresa on the course! Kelly, *who's* Theresa?' they shouted urgently, Jake jumping up to dive to the rescue.

'She's her stupid Troll doll,' Giles said disgustedly, as the mighty Panthers raced past towards the winning post.

Jake sat down again, and he and

Sally waved their hands and went Phew!

'Please, Jake! Can't you dive in and look for her?' Kelly yelled. 'Oh, Theresa. Where are you?'

'Hey!' said Biscuits, his eyes beady. 'Look, Theresa's just bobbing past!' I looked – and saw a little purple blob floating off towards the bank.

'It is Theresa! It's OK, Kelly,' I shouted. 'We've spotted her, Biscuits and me. We'll get her.'

'Yeah, we'll get her out for you, Kelly,' said Biscuits. 'Er ... how do we get the canoe to go sideways, Tim?'

'Like this? Mmm. No. Like *this*?'

Our canoe wobbled dramatically as we experimented.

'What are you two playing at?' Giles yelled. 'Finish the race first. We've all got to finish or we won't get any



How do you know Giles was cross with Kelly for dropping Theresa?

What does the fact that Biscuits and Tim are rescuing Theresa teach us about them?

Why is Giles so annoyed with Biscuits and Tim?

How do you know Kelly was delighted to have Theresa back?

points. You can go back for her doll afterwards.'

'She can't wait!' said Kelly.

'Come on, Biscuits,' I said. 'Before she gets swallowed up by a fish or something.'

We made for the bank as best we could.

'You berks!' Giles yelled in disgust. 'You weedy nerdy little cissies.'

'I wish *he'd* get swallowed up by a fish,' said Biscuits. 'A socking great shark.'

'He's going to get us later,' I said.

'Oh, pooh,' said Biscuits. 'We'll get him.'

'To the rescue. Super-Tim and Biscuit-Boy!'

'*Dan-de-dan-dan-daaaan*,' Biscuits chanted.

We reached the bank. Theresa was

bobbing in the scummy shallows, her purple hair wafting like water-weed. I got my paddle and used it like a fish slice, scooping Theresa up in the air.

She had never been a very pretty little doll. She'd now lost whatever looks she'd had. But Kelly was still thrilled to get her back. She hugged and kissed her. And you'll never guess what. She hugged and kissed *me*.

Biscuits said he was very glad that I was the one who fished her out.

When we were in the kitchens clearing up after tea, Kelly tried to tame Theresa's alarming new hairstyle with a small scrubbing-brush.

Laura and Lesley sighed.

'You're hopeless, Kelly,' said Laura. 'Look, give her here, I'll do it.'

She had her own little pocket hair-brush. Kelly held Theresa while Laura brushed and styled her purple tresses.

'You're ever so good at hairstyles, Laura,' said Lesley.

What do Biscuits and Tim pretend to be? Why?

What does Giles mean when he says that Tim is the one who is wet?



'Keep Theresa still, Kelly,' said Laura.

'She's shivering,' said Kelly. She peered round and found a scrunched-up J-cloth. 'Here. This will keep you warm until we get your little dress dry.'

'Look, I could do with that cloth, Kelly,' said Giles, washing dishes at the sink. 'This one's all holey and horrible.'

'Theresa's need is greater than yours, Giles,' said Kelly firmly.

'You and that stupid doll.'

'She's *not* a doll, she's a troll,' said Kelly.

'We were winning,' Giles wailed. 'And yet we ended up last because of you and Biscuits and Tim.'

He dug me hard with his elbow, right in my tummy. 'Why did you have to mess about for hours getting Kelly's stupid doll?'

'TROLL!' Kelly shouted, flicking washing-up water in Giles's face.

'Kelly! Cut it out,' said Giles,

splashing her back. He splashed me too. 'And then you got your canoe stuck in the mud on the bank!'

'It wasn't our fault,' said Biscuits, emerging from the food cupboard, his hand deep in a packet of Frosties.

'Yes, it's not *our* fault we're not very good at canoeing,' I said.

'The thing is, Tim, you're not good at *anything*,' said Giles.

Kelly splashed Giles again.

Giles splashed Kelly. He also splashed Laura by mistake.

'Giles!' Laura squeaked. 'Look at my shirt, it's soaking!'

'Oh, Giles, you've got Laura all wet,' said Lesley.

'Tim's the one that's wet,' said Giles, splashing me again. 'Wet and weedy and pathetic.'

'You shut up, Piles,' said Biscuits,

How does Kelly care for Theresa?

Why did Jake bellow at the children?

flicking Frosties at him. 'You're the one that's pathetic.'
'Yeah, Tim rescued Theresa. He's a hero!' said Kelly, and she splashed Giles.

He splashed her back. Copiously. Laura and Lesley got soaked this time. So they splashed Giles back. He splashed me again. Biscuits emptied the Frosties all over him. We all burst out laughing because he looked so funny. I threw my wiping-cloth at him. I missed, but it didn't matter. We all started splashing and shrieking and then Jake suddenly charged into the kitchen and bellowed at us.

'What on *earth* are you lot playing at?'

We ended up on our hands and knees doing an awful lot of mopping.

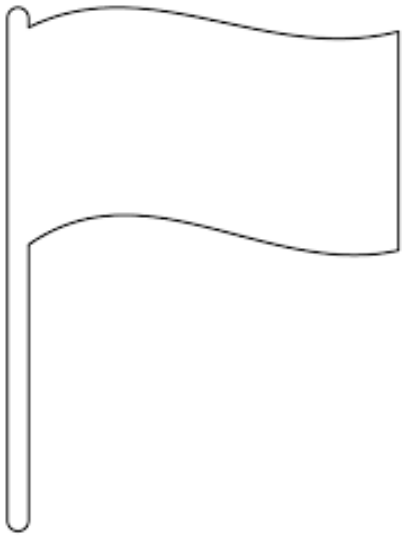


Do you think Jake was right to ask the children to clean up?

Read Chapter 4. Read the statements below and write out the ones that are true.

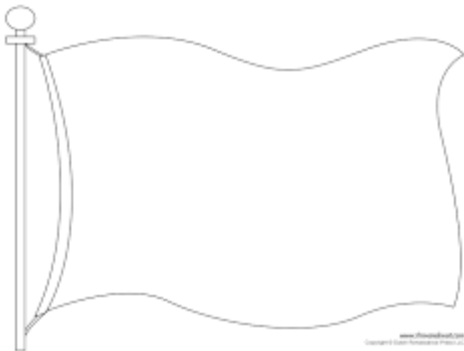
- 1) The next activity was a canoe race.
- 2) Tim was paired with Giles.
- 3) Tim and Biscuits take the race very seriously.
- 4) Kelly's troll doll is called Theresa.
- 5) Kelly drops her troll in the river.
- 6) Jake is worried because he thinks a real person has gone overboard.
- 7) Giles tries to help Kelly rescue her troll doll.
- 8) Tim and Biscuits rescue the troll for Kelly.
- 9) Kelly dresses her doll in a tea towel to keep her warm.
- 10) Kelly thinks Tim is a hero.
- 11) Biscuits empties cornflakes over Gile's head.
- 12) The children had to clean up all their mess.

Tim is in the Tigers team. Can you design a flag for the Tigers team?



Use a full page in your exercise book. You might use one of these flag designs to help you.

You could come up with a rhyme that the team might chant together.



*Here we are the Tigers, tigers, tigers,
Here we are the Tigers,
Hear us all go grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!*

Repeat.

(to the tune of here we go round the mulberry bush)