

Vocabulary starter

Look up the following words in the dictionary and write down the definitions in your book:

Individuality

Humanity

Prejudice

Compassion

Empathy

Analysing the blurb:

The story of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' is very difficult to describe. Usually we give some clues about the book on the cover, but in this case we think that would spoil the reading of the book. We think it is important that you start to read without knowing what it is about. If you do start to read this book, you will go on a journey with a nine-year-old boy called Bruno. (Though this isn't a book for nine-year-olds.) And sooner or later you will arrive with Bruno at a fence. We hope you never have to cross such a fence.

1. What do you normally expect to read in a blurb?
2. How is this different?
3. What information can you deduce from the blurb?
4. How have they tried to persuade you to read the book?