

Chapter 13

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After reading the chapter carefully, answer the following questions. You will need to look back through the text to find the answers.

1. What do you think Maria tells Bruno about Pavel? Why do you think he changed from being a doctor to a waiter?
2. What does it show us about Shmuel and Bruno when Shmuel starts to sneeze after the conversation about Lieutenant Kotler and Bruno says, "What's the matter?" asked. "It's not that cold, is it? You should have brought a jumper, you know."
3. Describe Pavel's behavior and appearance at the dinner. What does Bruno notice about him?
4. What does Lieutenant Kotler tell Bruno's family about his father?
5. Why do you think Bruno's father is so interested and reacts the way he does?
6. 'What happened then was both unexpected and extremely unpleasant. Lieutenant Kotler grew very angry with Pavel and no one – not Bruno, not Gretel, not Mother and not even Father – stepped in to stop him doing what he did next, even though none of them could watch. Even though it made Bruno cry and Gretel grow pale.' Why do you think John Boyne describes what happens in this way? Why doesn't he explain exactly what happens?

Chapter 14

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After reading the chapter carefully, answer the following questions. You will need to look back through the text to find the answers.

1. What do we learn about Bruno when he says to Shmuel, "You haven't tried living in my house," said Bruno. "For one thing it doesn't have five floors, only three. How can anyone live in so small a space as that?" and that he asks questions about Shmuel's outfit, does not seem to understand that Shmuel has nothing else to wear and even seems envious that he wears pyjamas all day?
2. Why does Bruno pretend to Gretel that Shmuel is an imaginary friend?
3. What does Bruno tell Gretel about Shmuel and what does he realise as he's telling her?
4. Why is it ironic that Gretel goes to talk to her dolls after laughing at Bruno about his imaginary friend?
5. Write a letter from Bruno to his grandmother telling her all about Shmuel.