

Chapter 17

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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. Besides the argument with Bruno's father, what evidence is there that Bruno's mother is unhappy?
2. Why does Bruno's father summon Bruno and Gretel to his office?
3. How do the children react to the news? Find words or phrases to support your ideas.
4. How does Bruno's father react when Bruno says, 'There are hundreds of children here'?
5. When Bruno's father decides his wife is right, "No, she's right, we said, speaking out loud but not looking at either Gretel or Bruno," who do you think he is speaking to?

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1. When Shmuel's father disappears, how do we know that Bruno still does not understand what goes on at Out-With?
2. Why do you think Shmuel doesn't answer Bruno when he is asked if he hates Bruno's father?
3. What is each boy looking forward to about the plan?
4. The last sentence of the chapter reads, 'All in all, it seemed like a very sensible plan and a good way to say goodbye.' What do you think of the idea?