

Chapter 19

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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. Why do you think the author writes about the rain at the beginning of the chapter?
2. What is Bruno's reaction when he sees the spare pair of pyjamas? What might this be seen as ironic?
3. What does Shmuel mean when, looking at Bruno in the pyjamas, he thinks, 'It was almost ... as if they were all exactly the same really.'
4. Write down what Bruno imagined the camp would be like and what it is really like. What does this show us about Bruno?
5. Why do you think Bruno and Shmuel hold hands?
6. Do you think this is an effective way to end the chapter and the story of the boys' friendship?

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1. Why does Bruno's mother stay at Out-With for several months more and why does she then suddenly return to Berlin?
2. What is Gretel's reaction to Bruno's disappearance? Does it surprise you? Give reasons for your decision.
3. Why does Bruno's father fall to the ground when he realises what probably happened to Bruno? Do you have any sympathy (feel sorry) for him when he works out what happened to his son?
4. 'And that's the end of the story about Bruno and his family. Of course all this happened a long time ago and nothing like that could ever happen again. Not in this day and age.' What do you think of these last few lines of the story? Do you think they are an effective way to end the book?