

Chapter 7

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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. Who is Herr Roller? What do we learn about him from Bruno and from Mother?
2. Why do you think his story is included in the book?
3. How does Bruno feel when he sees Lieutenant Kotler?
4. Find at least one thing that Lieutenant Kotler does or says to Bruno that is condescending.
5. Find the phrases which show that both Bruno and Gretel are embarrassed by Lieutenant Kotler's behaviour towards Pavel.
6. What does Pavel mean when he says, 'Just because a man glances up at the sky at night does not make him an astronomer, you know,'?
7. Why does Pavel reply, 'I think I've always been here,' when Bruno asks him how long he's been at Out-With?
8. Why do you think Bruno's mother says, 'If the Commandant asks, we'll say that I cleaned Bruno up,'? What does it tell us about Bruno's parents?

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1. What do we learn about Bruno's grandparents and their past from the first few pages of the chapter? You might want to put the information in a table or create a spider diagram.
2. How does everyone react when Bruno's father appears in his new uniform? How is Grandmother's reaction different to everyone else's?
3. What do you think Bruno's grandmother means when Bruno's grandfather says he was sure their son would come to harm when he joined up, '... when the Great War began,' and she replies, 'He did come to harm, Matthias ... Take a look at him for your evidence,'?
4. Why do you think Mother is desperate for Bruno and Gretel to leave the room and not hear what their grandmother says?
5. As Bruno's grandmother leaves the house in Berlin she shouts to her son that she is ashamed of him. How do you think she would react when she receives Bruno's letter? Write her reply to her grandson.