

## A summary of the opening chapters

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1. The following summary has been muddled up. Firstly sort out the correct order for the opening eleven chapters of the novel:

A	After a long journey Oliver meets the Artful Dodger, who takes him to Fagin.	
B	For 9 years Oliver Twist lives with Mrs Mann and other orphans.	
C	Oliver is then sold to Mr Sowerberry, the undertaker.	
D	A boy is born in a workhouse. His mother dies shortly after his birth.	
E	Oliver is arrested after he accompanies the Artful Dodger and Charley Bates on an unsuccessful bid to pickpocket Mr Brownlow.	
F	Oliver is sent to the workhouse.	
G	He is nearly sold to Mr Gamfield, a chimney sweep, but is returned after he pleads to the magistrate.	
H	Mr Brownlow takes Oliver home with him after the bookstall owner testifies that it was not Oliver who pickpocketed Mr Brownlow.	
I	The boy is named Oliver Twist by Mr Bumble.	
J	He runs away from the undertakers after a fight with Noah Claypole.	
K	Oliver asks for more porridge and as a result is advertised for sale.	

2. Now decide which three of the events from the above summary you think are the most important. Give reasons for your decisions.
3. Choose the three events that you think are the least important from the summary. Give reasons for your decisions.
4. Are there any events that have been missed from the above summary that you think should be included? What are they and why do you think they should appear in the summary?
5. Which parts of the story, from those above, are most likely to make a reader feel sympathy (sorry) for Oliver Twist?
6. For each event you have chosen explain why it might make a reader feel sorry for Oliver.