

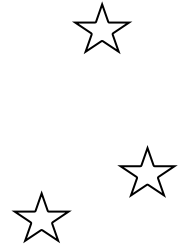
# LUCKY STAR BY CATHY CASSIDY

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# 1. In the beginning

The opening section of a book can be very important and it is what lures people in to read the rest. As you are listening and reading I would like you to think about the following

- First line
- Creating a mood
- Setting
- Characters
- Pace
- Dialogue



Write 2 sentences on your first impressions of the book.

Remember your criticism must be constructive—the word boring is banned!

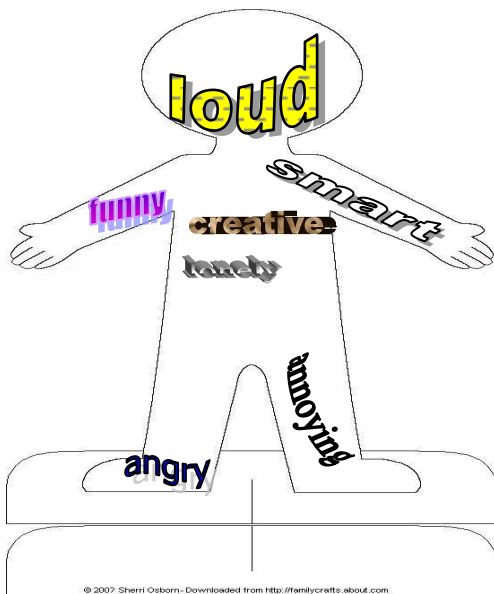
# 2. Chapter One—Characters

Often the way we feel about a book can be based on how we **relate** to the characters in that book. Can you see yourself or others in those creations; are they realistic or fantastical? Do they sound like people you would like to know? Do their reactions to the situations they have been placed in match your own or defy belief? Do you like them?

Pick one character from the novel and create a word person—use the vocabulary bank to help you but feel free to add in your own words.



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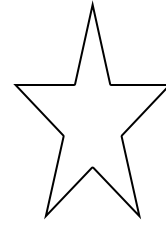
# WORD BANK

Happy	sad	outgoing	shy	poor	rich
Cold	moody	thoughtful	sporty	silly	
Creepy	strong	weak	sneaky	honest	
Fat	thin	geeky	pretty	ugly	
Caring	girl	boy	old	young	
Artistic	kind	welcoming	aggressive	dangerous	
Hopeful	pessimistic	regretful	spiteful	soft	
Open	academic	reliable	worrying	small	

## Chapter 2:

Why does the dog end up in the road?

1. He was chasing a cat
2. He was chasing a chip packet
3. He was being chased by a cat



How does the little pirate dog get hurt?

1. He was run over by a lorry
2. He cut his paw on some glass
3. He was knocked down by a bicycle

What does Martin use as his graffiti tag?

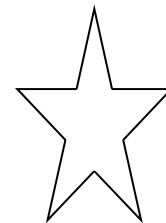
1. A cat
2. A mouse
3. A dog

Why do you think Martin stops to look after the dog?

## Chapter 3.

Where does Mouse live?

1. On the 9th floor of a tower block
2. Next to the vet
3. In a boy's home



What did Mouse call the vet?

1. A thief
2. A kidnapper
3. Evil

Why did Mouse need Cat?

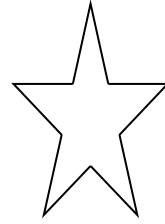
1. She knew all about dogs
2. She knew the vet
3. She had money

Why do you think the vet is suspicious of Cat and Mouse?

## Chapter 4.

Why did Mouse think Neela had dumped him?

1. He was a bit smelly
2. She found another boyfriend
3. He did not have enough money for a Mars bar



What does Cat offer Mouse to eat?

1. Olives
2. Cheese
3. Humous

What excuse do they give Cat's mum for being in the house?

1. They are watching Shrek
2. They are writing a Shakespeare essay
3. They are rehearsing a play in pairs

Why do you think Mouse feels uncomfortable in Cat's house?

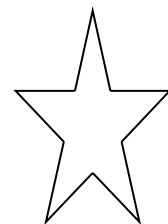
## Chapter 5

Why did Mouse tell Cat he painted the school?

1. He was bored
2. He hated the teachers
3. It was part of a dare

Why did the school not press charges?

1. It was school policy
2. They liked the art work
3. Mouse's social worker spoke for him.



Why do you think Cat is impressed with Mouse?

## Chapter 6

What celebrity do they see at Camden market?

1. Gary Barlow
2. Jason Orange
3. Robbie Williams

What does Cat put in her bag?

1. A box of chocolates
2. A lead for Lucky
3. A Robbie Williams CD

Why do you think Cat really stole?

## Chapter 7

Where does Mouse's mum work?

1. at the London Eye
2. At the Phoenix Centre
3. At his school



Why could Mouse not keep the dog?

1. Dogs were not permitted in his flat
2. It belonged to someone else
3. It was too ill to leave the vets

Why do you think Mouse keeps the dog when it is such a dangerous thing to do?

## Chapter 8

What job did Mouse help with?

1. Painting a house
2. Painting a car
3. Painting the Phoenix



Why did Jake advise Mouse to hand the dog back?

1. The owner was offering a reward
2. The owner was dangerous
3. The owner was coming to get him

What do you think the real reason for painting the car was?

## Chapter 9

What does Mouse have on his balcony?

1. a dog house
2. A motorcycle
3. A garden



What did Mouse say about his luck?

1. It had run out
2. It was in the stars
3. It was out of his control

Do you think Mouse is lucky or unlucky?

## Chapter 10

What did Mouse's mum used to be?

1. A juggler
2. A traveller
3. A gardener

Why was Scully arrested?

1. He threatened Mouse
2. He attacked Mouse's mum with a gun
3. He had a knife

Was Mouse's mum right or wrong to say to the police she would testify?

## Chapter 11

Why had Mouse been sent to see a councillor?

1. He had been stealing
2. He had been tagging
3. He had been having bad dreams



What is Mouse's dream about?

1. The sea and drowning
2. A bike and a fire
3. A cliff and a fall

Why do you think Mouse starts to have nightmares?

Chapter 12



What happened to the Phoenix?

1. It had been set on fire
2. It had been vandalised
3. It was to be sold by the council

Why does Jake tell Mouse to keep his mouth shut?

Chapter 13

Take notes for Chapter 13 and create your own HEADLINE for a local newspaper.

HEADLINE:

Chapter 14

What did Mouse's mum plant in the ruins of the Phoenix?

1. A tree
2. A flower
3. A bush



What did Mouse confess about his mother's past?

1. She had stolen him as a baby
2. She had been a junkie
3. She had been a thief

Chapter 15–

Mouse is a graffiti artist—Put down 2 or more reasons why it might be right or wrong to use graffiti.

RIGHT	WRONG

Chapter 16

Where did Mouse's dad go?

1. Africa
2. India
3. Wales



Who did Mouse's mum say he thought he was?

1. A modern day Van Gogh
2. A teenage Banksy
3. A smarter Leonardo Da Vinci

Why does Cat wish she had a relationship with her mum like Mouse does with his?

Chapter 17

What was unusual about the inside of the lift?

1. It did not smell of wee
2. It had been painted blue
3. It was working



What does Cat let Mouse use at their home?

1. An Ipad
2. The shower
3. A telescope

Why do you think someone had made a difference to the lift?

Chapter 18

What did Mouse want to call the Dog Star

1. Sirius
2. Lucky
3. Pirate

What was Mouse's biggest secret?

1. He had taken drugs
2. He stole from Scully
3. He had facial scars from a fire.



Why do you think Mouse hid his secret?



## Chapter 19

What did the art teacher give Mouse?

1. A book about Graffiti
2. A huge canvas to work on
3. Detention for being late

What did Fitz say Posh girls liked?

1. Flowers
2. Chocolates
3. Romance

## Chapter 20

What surprise had Mouse organised for Cat with his friends?

1. Fireworks
2. A canvas of his work
3. A pass to get out of school

## Chapter 21

What was Lucky's real name?

1. Smelly
2. Stupid
3. Idiot

What did Scully threaten Mouse's mum not to do?

1. Testify in court
2. Speak to him again
3. Keep the dog

## Chapter 22

Where does Cat says she is from to get into school?

1. Aberdeen
2. Cardiff
3. Newcastle

Why do you think Mouse tells Cat to go?

## Chapter 23

What did Mrs Scully leave out for Frank?

1. hot dogs, beer and pies
2. Vodka, crisps and fruit
3. Sandwiches, cakes and lemonade

What had Mouse's mum got the council to agree on?

1. a community garden
2. A bike shed
3. A free bus into town

## Chapter 24

Why was Mouse washing cars for free?

1. Jake needed the help
2. He owed Jake for the fireworks
3. His mum had asked him to

Where had Scully left Lucky?

1. In his Gran's house
2. Locked in a garage
3. Down by the canal

## Chapter 25

What did Finn say they should do at the sign of a new moon?

1. Howl like wolves
2. Take a picture
3. Make a wish

Where did Dizzy say Mouse's dad was?

1. He was dead
2. He was in Cardiff
3. He was still in India

## Chapter 26

What had been written on their wall?

1. Fools
2. Stupid
3. Idiots

Why could the police not arrest Scully for the break in?

1. He had an alibi
2. He had left the country
3. He had already confessed

Why do you think Old Mrs Scully still cared for Frank?

## Chapter 27

Who had spoken to the police about Scully?

1. Mouse
2. Jake
3. Mrs Scully

Who donated lots of plants to their cause?

1. Jake
2. Mouse
3. Mrs Scully

## Chapter 28

Where do Cat's parents think she is?

1. At Mouse's house
2. At Aditi's house
3. At Mrs Scully's house

Who grabs Cat and Mouse?

1. The drug dealers
2. A gang from another estate
3. The police

## Chapter 29

Why had the police let Scully out of Jail?

1. to wreck Mouse's house
2. To lead them to the drug dealers
3. Because he was innocent

## Chapter 30

Who is Dave?

1. Cat's dad
2. Mouse's social worker
3. Both 1 and 2

## Chapter 31

What did Mouse do with Cat's letter?

1. replied right away
2. ripped it to bits
3. Burned it in a fire

## Chapter 32

What did Mouse paint on for the first time?

1. A roof
2. Snow
3. A dog

# Cathy Cassidy

Find out all you can about Cathy Cassidy.