

Who Let The Gods Out?
Chapter One – Comprehension

Section A

1. What thing happened later than normal on Friday morning?

2. Why is there speech written in uppercase?

3. What did Elliot do to make Mr Boil so mad?

4. What is Elliot's favourite prank?

Section B

5. What feature is used in the sentence, 'What are we going to do with you?'?

6. The headmaster's name is Mr Sopweed. What kind of character do you think he might be?

7. What does Elliot think of Mr Boil?

8. What words are used throughout the chapter for the word 'said'?

Section C

9. Why does the author repeat the phrase 'as normal' in the first paragraph?

10. What feature is used in the sentence, 'You seem rather ... distracted lately.'?

11. The author has used ellipses in many sections of the headmaster's speech. What does this suggest to you?

12. What is meant by the term 'weapons-grade body odour'?

13. What are the differences between the characters Mr Boil and Mr Sopweed?

Section D

14. What is meant when the author writes that there are many more names for the headmaster?

15. What crime does Elliot imply of the headmaster? What does this tell you about Mr Sopweed?

16. What do you think Elliot is hiding?

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Section A

The author uses lots of descriptive language to describe the characters. Find the description for each character in the table and draw them, adding your evidence from the text underneath.

	Mr Sopweed	Mr Boil
Drawing		
Evidence		

Section B

The author rarely uses the word 'said'. In the table below, think of three different alternatives beginning with that letter.

Beginning letter	Words to use in place of 'said'
C	
G	
R	
S	

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Section C

Tick to show the type of pronoun underlined in each sentence.

	Personal pronoun	Relative pronoun	Possessive pronoun
<u>He</u> shouted across the headmaster's office.			
The office was <u>his</u> .			
Mr Boil, <u>who</u> was dripping in sweat, stormed into the room.			

Highlight all of the pronouns in the sentences below.

Boil was the only person that Elliot knew who had fat eyes.	Elliot scratched his head.
A shout at the other side of the door made the headmaster fall out of his chair.	He could imagine the appeals on the television.
He disgraced the Brysmore name.	Mr Sopweed sighed whilst flicking his floppy fringe.
But as soon as the thought formed in his head, he crushed it.	"I'll tell you what he needs to know!"
Elliot's heart sank when he thought of his exams.	His grades had dropped across the board for all subjects.

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Section D

Tick one box in each sentence to show which part is a relative clause.

Mr Boil, who was a rather large man, burst into the headmaster's office.

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The headmaster, who was a coward, hid from his colleague.

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He was called into the headmaster's office, without warning.

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The boy, who disliked Mr Boil, sat and listened to what he had to say.

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Elliot, who was looking forward to the weekend, had to get through a tough Friday.

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