

Characters

Exploring how characters are presented



1. Read what happens next in the story about Buddy and his father at the parents' evening.

"Next please," Mr Normington called.

Buddy took a deep breath and led the way in.

Mr Normington was standing behind his desk. Buddy saw the eyebrows flicker and the smile freeze as he caught sight of his Dad's clothes. There was a brief silence, then Mr Normington pulled himself together.

"Ah, Mr Clark. How do you do?" He held his hand out and Buddy's dad went to shake it with the hand holding the plastic bag. He laughed nervously, put the bag down on Mr Normington's desk, then shook hands.

"Pleased to meet you."

"Yes, well... Do sit down, Mr Clark, and you Buddy. Right, where shall we begin? The reports first, perhaps. Oh." Mr Normington found that all his papers were under the plastic bag. Buddy leaped up and pulled the bag away and Mr Normington began reading the comments that each of the teachers had made. Buddy was so tense that he barely listened, though he was dimly aware that they all sounded quite good. After every subject report, Mr Normington stopped and looked at Buddy's dad who kept saying, "Oh, nice."

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Buddy

