

Fat, four-eyed and useless

This task is about using evidence to make inferences about a character.
The text below comes from *Fat, Four-eyed and Useless* by David Hill.

Read the text below to answer questions a)-f)

WEDNESDAY

I've written a poem for tomorrow's Writers Group meeting. I rang up Kim, and he's writing something he reckons you call a 'soliloquy'. Never heard of it-but I bet snobby Emma Jensen has. I left something out yesterday. I'll write it down now. I've decided Mum and Dad aren't going to read this journal after all.

Why: I joined the Writers Group for other reasons, too.

- 1. Because if you don't like sport, there's nothing else to do at lunchtime in winter.
- 2. Because there's these couple of Form 2 guys who give Kim and me a hard time. Athol Maxwell hangs around with them. He's good at games and classwork and the girls all reckon he's spunky. Sux! Anyway, these two other guys say "G'day, 8-eyes!" or "Jeez, it's Kim and Ben, the Mini-Men!", or they grab you and grind their knuckles into your arm. It hurts and I always end up yelling. We go to the library to keep away from them.
- 3. Because I'm useless at everything else.

Yeah, that's also why I joined. I feel better after writing it down.

- a) List **two** things we learn about the storyteller's appearance (what he looks like).

b) Write down the key words from the text that give this information.

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c) i) Select one word that describes how the storyteller feels about **Emma**.

<div><input type="radio"/> jealous</div>	<div><input type="radio"/> bullied</div>	<div><input type="radio"/> admiring</div>
<div><input type="radio"/> inferior</div>	<div><input type="radio"/> supported</div>	<div><input type="radio"/> surprised</div>

ii) Write down a piece of text where this feeling is suggested.

d) i) Select one word that describes how the storyteller feels about **Athol**.

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<input type="radio"/> inferior	<input type="radio"/> supported	<input type="radio"/> surprised

ii) Write down a piece of text where this feeling is suggested.

e) i) Select one word that describes how the storyteller feels about the two guys (who Athol hangs out with).

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<input type="radio"/> inferior	<input type="radio"/> supported	<input type="radio"/> surprised

ii) Write down a piece of text where this feeling is suggested.

f) i) Describe how the storyteller **really** feels, deep down inside, about himself.

ii) Write down **two** different parts of the text that make you think this is how he feels about himself.

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