



Billy Elliot

Book key

- 1 a gloves
b coal
c proud
d strike
e Ballet
f argue
g hall
h whispered
i van
j club
- 2 Open answers
- 3 a Tony
b Nan
c George
d Jackie
e Sarah
f Michael
g Mrs Wilkinson
h Debbie
- 4 a Billy lives with his father, brother and grandmother.
b Billy's mother died two years ago.
c She left a letter for Billy, for his eighteenth birthday.
d Billy's father and brother are on strike.
e Billy goes to the boxing club.
f The other boy wins the boxing match.
g The girls in the hall are doing ballet.
h The police are protecting the scabs.
i Billy wants to learn the spin.
- 5 a They are on strike.
b Margaret Thatcher's government wants to close the mines.
c The miners hate the scabs. The scabs are breaking the strike and making it more difficult.
- 6–7 Open answers
- 8 a Mrs Wilkinson
b a scab
c George
d Nan
e Mrs Wilkinson
f a dance
g women's clothes
h ballet moves
- 9 a fourth
b can
c angry
d ballet
e girls
f rich
g lose
h Newcastle
i purple dress
j London
- 10–13 Open answers
- 14 a Billy shows Mrs Wilkinson his mum's letter.
b Tony is angry because Jackie is weak.
c Billy sees his mum in the kitchen.
d Tony attacks a police horse.
e Tony spends the night in the police station.
f Billy misses the audition in Newcastle.
g Jackie breaks up the piano to burn on the fire.
h Billy dances in front of his father.
- 15 a Mrs Wilkinson is talking to Billy about his mother.
b Tony is talking to Jackie about the strike.
c Billy is talking to Mrs Wilkinson about the audition for the Royal Ballet School.
d Jackie is talking to Billy about Billy's mother's record.
e Mrs Wilkinson is talking to Jackie and Tony about the audition for the ballet school.
f Billy is talking to Michael about his feelings.
- 16–19 Open answers
- 20 a ✓ b ✗ c ✗ d ✓ e ✓ f ✗ g ✓ h ✓
- 21 a Jackie wants to help his son. He knows that Billy is a good dancer. He has also 'listened' to his dead wife.
b The audition is in London. Jackie needs money for the bus journey and a hotel.
c The wedding ring helps Jackie to remember his dead wife. But he can sell it to help Billy.
d He wants to earn money for the journey to London.
e Tony takes Jackie away from the mine. Then he helps to find the money for Billy's audition.
f Billy doesn't like London because it is very big and strange.
g He doesn't like the people at the audition. He thinks they are posh. He is also frightened.
h Billy is unhappy after dancing for the teachers in the audition. He thinks he danced badly. He doesn't want to talk to Simon, so he hits him.
i After the fight, Jackie and Billy go back to Everington.



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22–23 Open answers

24 a 1 b 5 c 3 d 7 e 4 f 6 g 8 h 2

- 25 a ... he wants to help Billy.
 b ... listen carefully.
 c ... look at the letter.
 d ... he wants him to dance.
 e ... say goodbye to Billy's mum.
 f ... kisses him.
 g ... Billy is the main dancer there for the first time.
 h ... jumps very high.

26–37 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–18 Open answers

Activity worksheet key

- 1 a Nan to Billy, when she asks if the police are after Tony and Jackie.
 b Tony, when Jackie doesn't go to the picket line with him.
 c George, when he sees Billy trying to box.
 d Miss Wilkinson, when she sees Billy dance.
 e Billy, when he takes his dancing shoes home.
- 2 a go to prison: do something stupid
 b a lot of money: a bag full of food
 c Thursday: Friday
 d red: purple
 e Billy's: Michael's
- 3 Possible answers
 a she was crying
 b of eating bread
 c a silly old man
 d I was not trying
- 4 a 1
 b 5
 c 3
 d 4
 e 2
- 5 a boss: friend from school
 b good money: scab money
 c such good dancers: posh people
 d laughing: crying
- 6 a ✓
 b ✓
 c ✗
 d ✗
 e ✓

7–8 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a Jackie and Tony are interested in fighting, boxing and picket lines while Billy likes playing piano and hates fighting.
 b Billy has to box because both his grandfather and father did so.
 c He goes on strike because of his son Tony, but he is not sure whether pickets will change the situation in the mines.
 d Jackie doesn't like hurting scabs, because he knows many of them.
 e Billy's grandmother and mother could dance.
- 2 1 a
 2 b
 3 b
 4 a
 5 b
- 3 a audition
 b spin
 c pickets
 d hammer
- 4 a ✓
 b ✓
 c ✗
 d ✓
 e ✗
 f ✗
 g ✓
- 5 a George
 b Sarah's wedding ring
 c go back to the mine to work
 d decided to help his father
 e bought raffle tickets
 f his father was travelling to London for the first time.
 g he did not want to dance at the audition.
- 6 a ✓
 b ✗
 c ✓
 d ✓
- 7 a 3
 b 5
 c 1
 d 2
 e 4