

Reading skill—Retrieving information

This story is about two boys who

go sailing together.

do not get on.

learn to play football.

meet by the seaside.

Joe thinks that Oran is a bit strange but we realise that he

is really an old man.

has come from another world.

does not like the rain.

is Joe's best friend.

The boys have fun together although Oran has really come to

collect information.

have a holiday.

find a new friend.

learn to use his boots.

Which of the following do you think best describes the story?

Fantasy

Science Fiction

Adventure

Explain the choice you have made using evidence from the text to help.

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Make Inferences explain and justify using evidence from the text

On the second page of *The Boy from Far Away*, Oran introduces himself to Joe in the following way:

'Thank you. You are my best friend! I am Oran.'

Why might Joe have found this introduction surprising?

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What clues are there in the story that Oran was not an ordinary boy?

Find **three**.

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Look at the second page of *The Boy from far Away*. Oran asks '*A break? Snap?*'

Explain why Oran asks this.

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Why is Oran surprised that Joe likes swimming?

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At the end of the holiday, Joe was sad about Oran leaving. Does this surprise you?

Explain as fully as you can using parts of the story.

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Explain how meaning is enhanced through the authors choice of words

On the first page of *The Boy from Far Away* it says,

Joe pulled open the curtain and blinked. Hard.

By writing the line in this way, what effect has the author created?

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What did Joe's Dad mean when he said:

Camping holiday weather?

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On the second page of *The Boy from far Away*, Joe asks Oran where he came from.

Oran answers:

'Oh – far away'

The next line is:

Joe had never heard of Faraway.

How does this comment show that Joe has misunderstood?

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