

Quick Start

- Which person in the photo is now married?
- Why did the character want to go to Mimi's house?
- What year were the children in?
- Why was it strange for the children to be wearing coats?
- What was the new boy's name?

Vocabulary Check

- He's married now, **inexplicably**.
- mature and **sophisticated**
- I had managed to **manipulate** Shocky
- She was flapping her hands at the rest of us to be quiet, **mortified** because she thought we were laughing at him.

Partnered Talk



Why does Chingis misunderstand Mrs Spendlove?

Partnered Talk



Why are Chingis and his brother not in the same class?

Individual Thinking



Find evidence from the text that tell us how the narrator feels about Shocky.

Individual Thinking



'He was asking for a slap, quite honestly.'

What does the narrator mean when she says this?

Explain how Frank Cottrell Boyce creates humour on these first few pages.

