

## Day 10 - Reading Task

Answer the following questions about chapter 7 of Holes. Your answers should be written in full sentences and you must use evidence from the text to support your answer wherever possible.

### Part 1

#### Retrieve

1. What is different about X-Ray's shovel? Why does X-Ray want it?

#### Vocabulary

2. What does 'defective' mean?

#### Inference

3. Why is it so hard to dig?
4. How has Stanley's weight helped him?

### Part 2

#### Retrieve

5. What was Stanley's great-great grandfather called?
6. Why did the two pigs weight the same?

#### Inference

7. Magnet says, 'make sure nothing's living in it'. What might he be referring to?

## Part 3

### Vocabulary

8. What is a curse?

### Inference

9. Why was it surprising that Zero finished his hole first?

10. What does Stanley do when he's finished digging the hole? Why do you think he does this?

*Challenge: Write one word to describe each of the children in the camp.*

*Extension: Read chapters 8 and 9.*

## ANSWERS

1. What is different about X-Ray's shovel? Why does X-Ray want it? *It was a fraction of an inch shorter than the others*
2. What does 'defective' mean? *Not working properly*
3. Why is it so hard to dig? *The ground is baked and hard from the sun*
4. How has Stanley's weight helped him? *It helped him to dig the shovel into the hard ground*

### Part 2

5. What was Stanley's great-great grandfather called? *Elya Yelnats*
6. Why did the two pigs weight the same? *Elya had not gone up the mountain one last time but washed instead*
7. Magnet says, 'make sure nothing's living in it'. What might he be referring to? *Scorpions, yellow-tailed lizards and rattlesnakes*

### Part 3

8. What is a curse? *When bad luck is wished upon someone*
9. Why was it surprising that Zero finished his hole first? *He was the smallest*
10. What does Stanley do when he's finished digging the hole? Why do you think he does this? *Spits in his hole*