

I can understand Chapter 9

Read the extract below and then answer the questions beneath.

Stanley looked around the room. This was one place in the camp where the boys could enjoy themselves, and what'd they do? They wrecked it. The glass on the TV was smashed, as if someone has put their foot through it. Every chair and table seemed to be missing at least one leg. Everything leaned.

V. 1. Circle the word that best describes the 'rec' room (recreation room)?

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Give a reason for your answer using evidence from the text.

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I 2. In the chapter this room is also called the 'wreck' room – why do you think this is?

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Read the extract below, the letter that Stanley begins to write to his mum.

Dear Mom,

Today was my first day at camp, and I've already made some friends. We've been out on the lake all day, so I'm pretty tired. Once I pass the swimming test, I'll get to learn to water-ski.

He stopped writing as he became aware that someone was reading over his shoulder. He turned to see Zero, standing behind the coach.

"I don't want her to worry about me." He explained.

R. 3. Find and copy two activities that Stanley says he has been doing.

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R. 4 why does Stanley make these things up in the letter to his mum?

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I 4b) what does this suggest about Stanley's character?

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THINK – do you think he should have told his mum the truth?

S. 5. Imagine that a friend has not had time to read or listen to this chapter.
Write a short summary about the most important events in this chapter.

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Answers:

1. Destroyed – glass on the TV smashed, furniture missing legs.
2. Because everything was broken.
3. You could include: swimming, being out on the lake, planning to water-ski, making friends.
4. Because he doesn't want her to worry.
4b) that he cares about his mum, that he is kind and thoughtful.
5. Lots of answers – you could may have included:
The recreation room which should have been good, had been destroyed – everything had been broken.
Stanley kept his promise to his mum to write to her.
Stanley was exhausted after digging his first hole.
Some of the other boys weren't very friendly.