

ESIO TROT, by Roald Dahl

Lesson 2

1. PAGES 28-32 (book) OR 34-38 (PDF)

V:

- Define 'basking'.
- What does 'hauled' mean?
- Define 'vast'.

I:

- Why does Mrs Silver's job make things easy for Mr Hoppy?
- Why does Mr Hoppy weigh Alfie?
- Why must the new tortoise weigh only a bit more?

P:

- Predict whether Mrs Silver will realise it isn't Alfie.

E:

- Explain whether you think Mr Hoppy is clever.

R:

- What is Mrs Silver's job? What does Mr Hoppy call his pole?

S:

- Summarise the plan in one word.

2. PAGES 33-37 (book) OR 39-43 (PDF)

V:

- What is 'gusto'?
- Define 'tense'.
- What is foliage?

I:

- Why was Mr Hoppy nervous about Mrs Silver's return?
- Why does Mr Hoppy hold his breath?
- Why does Mr Hoppy speak 'darkly'?
- Why do you think Mr Hoppy waited seven days?

P:

- Predict whether Mrs Silver will figure out what Mr Hoppy has done.

E:

- Explain how Dahl makes these pages tense, once you have defined it from the vocabulary questions.

R:

- What does Mr Hoppy name the replacement tortoise?
- Does Mrs Silver notice it's a different tortoise?
- How much does the third tortoise weigh?

S:

- Summarise Mr Hoppy in one word at this stage in the story.

3. PAGES 38-42 (book) OR 44-48 (PDF)

V:

- Why do you think Dahl chooses the word 'operation'?
- What does 'casually' mean?
- What is a halt?

I:

- Why did Mrs Silver not notice the change in weight?
- Why do you think Mr Hoppy decided to call a halt?

P:

- Predict what Mrs Silver's reaction will be when she sees the new weight?

E:

- What are the effects of pages 36 and 37?

R:

- How many tortoises does Mr Hoppy get through?
- How many ounces each time?
- Why does Mrs Silver shout?

S:

- Summarise Mrs Silver's character in one word at this point. Explain your choice.

4. PAGES 43-47 (book) OR 49-53 (PDF)

V:

- What do they mean by 'grand'?
- Define 'enlarge'.

I:

- How does Mrs Silver feel about the weight change?
- Why does Mr Hoppy suddenly feel brave?

P:

- Predict how Mr Hoppy will make Alfie smaller.

E:

- Explain how Mr Hoppy plucked up the courage to go down.

R:

- How much does 'Alfie' weigh now?
- What is Mr Hoppy's solution to Alfie being too big?

S:

- Describe how the reader feels in one word.

5. PAGES 48-the end (book) OR 54-end (PDF)

V:

- What is a 'homecoming'?
- What does 'shrill' mean? Can you think of any synonyms for it?

I:

- Why does Mr Hoppy run down the stairs so fast?
- Why do they hug?

P:

- Predict if you think they lived happily ever after.

E:

- Why does Dahl lay the words out as he does when Mr Hoppy runs down?
- Do you think Mr Hoppy is a nice man?

R:

- How does Mr Hoppy test the tortoises?
- What happens to Alfie?

S:

- Describe how they feel in the end in one word.

Homework:

Write the **prequel** to the story.

OR

Describe your **favourite part** of the story and **why** it was your favourite.