

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo

Lesson 1

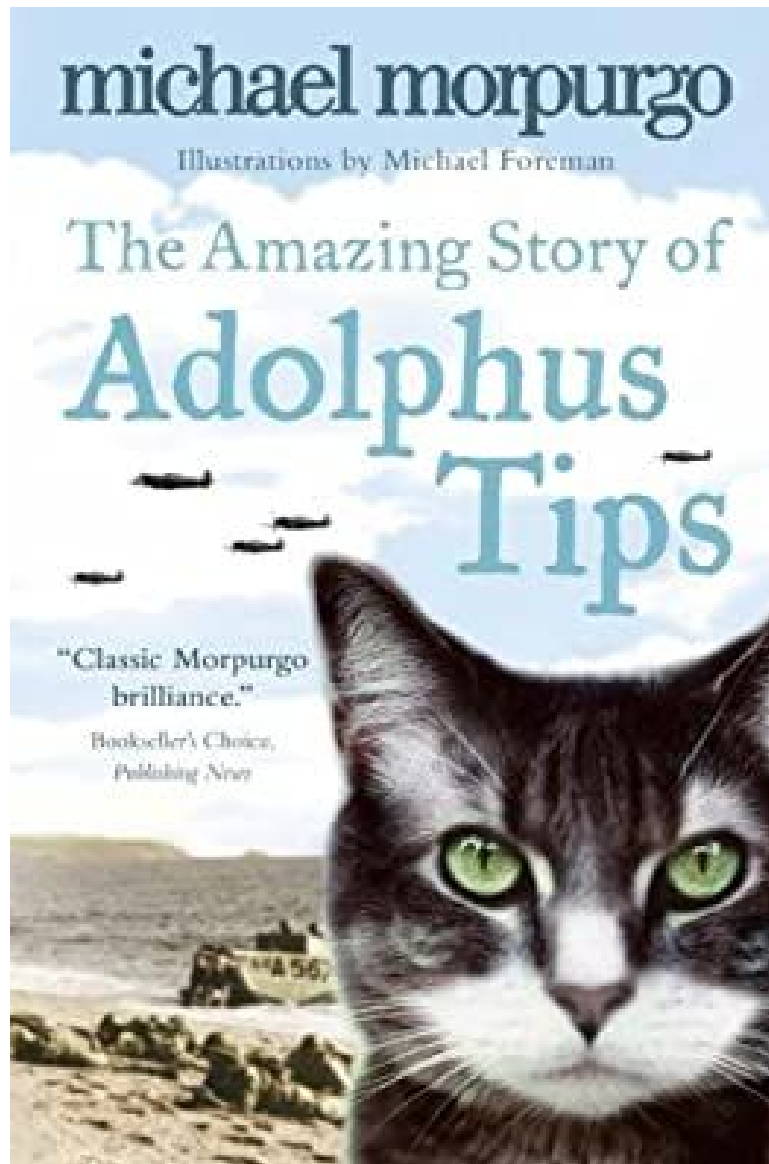
Before reading...

Look at the front cover.

- What do you think the book will be about?
- What things can you see on the front cover?
- What sort of story will it be?
- Who might enjoy it?

Now read the blurb...

- Were any of your predictions correct?



The Opening Lines

Read the first lines of the book (below) and think about the following questions:

- What tone does this set for the book?
- What do we learn from these lines?
- How do we feel when we read these lines?
- Why does the book begin with these lines?

I FIRST READ GRANDMA'S LETTER more than ten years ago, when I was twelve. It was the kind of letter you don't forget. I remember I read it over and over again to be sure I'd understood it right. Soon everyone else at home had read it too.

"Well, I'm speechless," my father said.

"She's unbelievable," said my mother.

Comprehension

Part 1

1. What does 'raining cats and dogs' mean?
2. What does Grandma mean when she says 'only dead fishes swim with the flow'?
3. What did Grandpa post to Michael?
4. What was Grandma's favourite word?
5. What secret did Michael and his grandparents keep from Boowie's mum and dad?

Part 2

1. Who is Adolf Hitler?
2. What is an 'air-raid' practice?
3. What was the headteacher's nickname and what was treason behind it?
4. What happened to Mr. Jeffrey's sheepdog?
5. Why do you think Lily doesn't usually remember her dreams?
6. How would you have felt if you had been sent home from school because of a bomb nearby?

Vocabulary

1. Clutch
2. Interrupt
3. Eccentric
4. Stubborn
5. Exhausted
6. Ramble
7. Particularly
8. Feeble
9. Miserable
10. Distant
11. Apparently
12. Irresponsible
13. Generally
14. Fretting
15. Crowded
16. Concern
17. Accent
18. Detention
19. Evacuate
20. Complain
21. Trembling
22. Suffering
23. Disturbed
24. Strapping
25. Wretched

HOMEWORK

How does Morpurgo **intrigue the reader** in these chapters?

OR

Write a **short story** using **at least 5 new words** (above) that we learned from these chapters.