

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - J. K. Rowling

Lesson 4

Final Extract

"You must come and stay this summer," said Ron, "both of you — I'll send you an owl."

"Thanks," said Harry, "I'll need something to look forward to." People jostled them as they moved forward toward the gateway back to the Muggle world. Some of them called:

"Bye, Harry!"

"See you, Potter!"

"Still famous," said Ron, grinning at him.

"Not where I'm going, I promise you," said Harry.

He, Ron, and Hermione passed through the gateway together. "There he is, Mom, there he is, look!"

It was Ginny Weasley, Ron's younger sister, but she wasn't pointing at Ron.

"Harry Potter!" she squealed. "Look, Mom! I can see —"

"Be quiet, Ginny, and it's rude to point."

Mrs. Weasley smiled down at them.

"Busy year?" she said. "Very," said Harry. "Thanks for the fudge and the sweater, Mrs. Weasley."

"Oh, it was nothing, dear."

"Ready, are you?"

It was Uncle Vernon, still purple-faced, still mustached, still looking furious at the nerve of Harry, carrying an owl in a cage in a station full of ordinary people. Behind him stood Aunt Petunia and Dudley, looking terrified at the very sight of Harry.

"You must be Harry's family!" said Mrs. Weasley.

“In a manner of speaking,” said Uncle Vernon. “Hurry up, boy, we haven’t got all day.” He walked away.

Harry hung back for a last word with Ron and Hermione. “See you over the summer, then.”
“Hope you have — er — a good holiday,” said Hermione, looking uncertainly after Uncle Vernon, shocked that anyone could be so unpleasant.

“Oh, I will,” said Harry, and they were surprised at the grin that was spreading over his face. “They don’t know we’re not allowed to use magic at home. I’m going to have a lot of fun with Dudley this summer...”

Comprehension

1. Why does Harry 'need something to look forward to'?
2. Why was Ginny so excited to see Harry?
3. Why does Mrs. Weasley tell Ginny off?
4. What does Harry thank Mrs. Weasley for?
5. Why is Uncle Vernon furious at Harry?
6. Why do Petunia and Dudley look 'terrified at the very sight of Harry'?
7. Why does Hermione look 'uncertainly after Uncle Vernon'?
8. Why does Harry grin at the end?
9. How would you feel if you were saying goodbye for the summer?
10. What do you think Harry will do over summer?

Vocabulary

1. Uncertainty
2. Ordinary
3. Mustached
4. Fleet
5. Alarming
6. Courage
7. Nudging
8. Horrified
9. Ignore
10. Bellow
11. Thoughtfully
12. Accident
13. Steamrollered
14. Bustle
15. Impressive
16. Choke
17. Possession
18. Hatred
19. Ambition
20. Protection

HOMEWORK

Write a short story about **another adventure** Harry, Ron and Hermione may have gone on.

OR

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