

Book Review **The Hunger by Carol Drinkwater**

The book is about the famine between 1845 and 1847

The central character is called Phyllis McCormack

They lived in Queen's Country in the South of Ireland.

Phyllis was a 14 year old girl, the second child in the family. The other people important to her were her Mam and Dad, her older brother Pat, Hughie who was 10 years old, Grace who was 8 years old, Mickey who was 4 years old and lastly there was baby Eileen who is 6 months old.

Well, life for them was not too bad; they had a dog and a couple of chickens. The cottage where they lived was not insulated but they burned peat to keep warm, so they were not the poorest of people.

They needed the potato crop to sell to survive and also to eat but when the crop failed as the potatoes were rotting all was lost to them and they lost everything.

I really thought it was a real story, it was so believable. I really enjoyed the book and couldn't leave it out of my hand, the story was so good.

Joyce Kavanagh

Chicco

One Saturday it was a lovely day, so myself and my brother brought the two dogs for a walk. They are two pitbull terriers. One is a boy and the other is a girl. They are black and white. We brought them to the park for a few hours.

My brother Gavin was throwing the dogs into the water and they were having a great time getting in and out of it.

It was starting to get dark so I said to Gavin, "We had better go home". On the way home a few lads who had been drinking in the park during the day started to hit me and my brother. The two dogs started to eat the young fellas. I said to Gavin "We had better get out of here before the guards get here".

People do not understand about pitbulls. They are a very overprotective dogs. They are a very good dog to have, but not around children because they get very jealous.

Daniel

Word Search Chicco

L Z C Z Z H L Q U S F D Z L D
N E T I H W X Z L G H W Y R E
Q E R X K F I O R K X D W E B
P A R U F Q V E D B A L F H Z
B D W D I E A O P R K L J T C
E N I A L T W J K E A M Q O M
V M T Y T I S O R D O Q T R T
K F I S X E H D S K G P E B O
C E V P A N R C J N Y C L U V
A S U O L A E J U P J L N E V
L K Z D M Q N O C Q W W P C S
B P Q W K T Y S S B O N G Y C
Z L H R S R E I R R E T Z V X
L S A N L Y M A T P W P D H A
L P I Q P K N E M O H P M S A

BLACK
DARK
JEALOUS
PARK
WATER
BROTHER
GREAT
LADS
PEOPLE
WHITE
CHILDREN
HOME
LOVELY
TERRIERS
YOUNG

Joan and Irene

We have been using the Tutor and Student record pack since September and we feel that it is a very good tool. Every week I write a general outline of what we hope to cover in the session, e.g. 'looking at forms' or 'days of the week'. Then we work out what methods would work, for instance using cut up pieces of card worked for learning the days of the week when other methods had failed.

The Tutor and Student record pack is very effective because it allows us to look back on what we have done, what works and what doesn't work. From that, what methods we will use in the future.

It also keeps us on track as we are both quite chatty! We use it as a general outline but we feel free to go in other directions if the need arises, for instance if I needs to know how to write some words or phrases for work.

Using the record pack, is a great help when it comes to filling out the reading and writing tracking forms at the end of six weeks. It makes it easy to see what work we have covered and what improvements have been made.

It also is a good way to keep track of small problem areas that recur, e.g. "b" and "d". We make a note of these as we go along

Joan

Book Review *Second Chance* by Patricia Scanlon

The start of the book grabs your attention and gets you right into the story. The main character is called Tony and he has recently lost his job as a printer. Tony and his wife, Jean and their baby Angela have had to move in with Jean's mother.

The story is set in Dublin and focuses on one day in Tony's life. The book opens with Tony storming out of the house after a row with his wife. He is feeling worthless and hates his life.

The book continues describing Tony's day and the characters he comes across. First he visits the library to pass some time away and shelter from the rain. He borrowed some books and put his name down to learn French. He left the library feeling a lot better.

During the rest of the day Tony encountered three different people, one being someone fighting addiction and another being an elderly lady. The last man that he met was to change his life and give him a Second Chance.

I think that anyone could enjoy this book, I certainly did. It kept my attention from the start and I couldn't put it down when the different characters started to be introduced into the story. It was very easy to read and I finished it in no time.

I would recommend this book to anyone as it is very enjoyable.

C McD

My Trip to London

On Friday I went to London with my youth club. My flight was at 7 o'clock. We arrived at the airport in good time. I was excited waiting for our flight. When we arrived in London we went to the hotel and checked in. Then we went to Madam Tussauds. It is a wax museum. I saw James Bond, The Queen, Prince William and Kate and Shrek, Spider Man and all Super Heroes. We spent about 2 hours there.

On Saturday we went to see the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. It was very good. We had a boat trip from London's Eye on the river and we were told about the history of the bridges. It was enjoyable. We went to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory show. It was brilliant. We went to see Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$, it was where Harry Potter goes to school.

We returned home on Sunday night. I really enjoyed my weekend in London.

Claire Moran

Word Search My Trip to London

V G R R Y L J T T D J C S Q G
R F R I D A Y X V W F Z H C U
O M R I E K Y C M Q U F R G A
V U A D P R D P W G D E I I R
W E E K E N D B B M H R E V D
O S Q S X F R J U S D C K U D
I U H O H I K Y W N A T T E T
E M O O D T D A O F W J T H M
U H U G M W U D J M T I G X B
F S E M A E N O K O C I Y R O
P S U Y W O K G Y X L O K W A
K T A F L A D R E F G U T E T
R E E Y R O T S I H V H A H A
O G C J T E U K Y D J V K O V
J O L E T O H J P N F O S W J

BOAT
BRIDGES
EXCITED
FLIGHT
FRIDAY
GUARD
HISTORY
HOME
HOTEL
MUSEUM
WEEKEND
YOUTH
LONDON

Work Sheet
Questions

My Trip to London

Who did Claire go to London with?

What time was her flight at?

List 2 places that Claire visited

Name 2 people Claire saw in Madam Tussauds?

On what day did Claire travel to London?

On what day did Claire return home?

The Party

It was my son's birthday party on Sunday. We booked a Toy Story bouncy castle with a slide. The weather was good.

We had loads of sweets and I made rice krispie cakes with marshmallows going through them. I also made corned beef, ham and cheese, egg and chicken sandwiches.

It was my youngest out of 3 boys. He was 4 years old. The kids were all tired that night and they fell into bed. It was a long day for the kids and me but it was worth it to see my son's face.

Chris Kane

Work Sheet

The Party

Fill in the missing words

It was my son's b_____ party on Sunday.

We booked a Toy Story _____ castle with a slide.

The _____ was good.

We had _____ of sweets

I made _____ krispie cakes with _____ going through them.

I also made _____, ham and cheese, _____ and chicken sandwiches.

weather rice loads egg bouncy marshmallows
 corned beef birthday

My Trip with Martin

Myself and my friend Martin went to America for three week holidays in July 1987. His brother Gerry lived over there for the past ten years and Martin had lived there for four years. Martin knew the area we were staying in.

We flew with Continental Airlines. The flight took seven hours to get there. When we landed Martin's brother Gerry collected us from the airport and brought us straight to the pub. We stayed in Gerry's house for the entire holiday. His house was beautiful. It had a big swimming pool and it was great to have it there because the weather was very hot. He got us tickets for a hockey match. It was great craic to watch them bate the crap out of each other.

We went to Canada for two days. It was a very memorable trip. We went to Niagara Falls and took a boat trip called "Maid of the Mist". It was great craic. We went to the malls shopping. They were fantastic and huge. One day we took a wrong turn after leaving the mall and we got lost. We were lost for hours and ended up in a pub but we only drank water for once! We did a lot of drinking on the trip and I needed a holiday when I got home.

Ray

Work Sheet

My Trip with Martin

Making up smaller words from the following words

america	holidays	continental	weather

Put these words into sentences:

America

Holidays

Continental

Weather

Family Joy

Ann and Jack were married for two years. Ann found out she was pregnant, she told Jack. He was over the moon. The pregnancy went well. She had a beautiful little baby boy. They called him Joe. They were happy and they had a nice home.

As Joe's christening day came, Ann was nervous. As usual Jack was more relaxed. They invited their families and friends to it. Ann was busy getting food and drinks organised the day and night before hand. She prepared sandwiches, salads and burgers. She got wine and beer and soft drinks.

When the people came in after the church ceremony all was ready. They were all dressed up and it really became a big party at their home. Ann looked around, she saw that both families got on so well. She and Jack thought the same thing. They both felt so happy that their precious little baby boy had brought such joy and blessings to everyone.

Gloria Redmond

Word Search Family Joy

Z T S U O I C E R P T N E U V
S T R Y J H L J T S P V I D Y
V K W F A U P F E M K P A N C
S T B F P D L V X X R A O F D
B L E S S I N G S E T M X S M
L N A Z M G O K P U E M R R L
C S U O A O O A J R R E D I P
Z U T H I O R G E V G R E L R
D O I U S E G C V R Q U I W E
C V F H D R A G U E A A R S G
L R U S O E N B Q M E M R S N
M E L D R H I M Q Z G E A Q A
I N U N L T S A J O N K M L N
C J F M X W E R E L A X E D T
Q C I C C L D J Y X J I K B J

BEAUTIFUL
BLESSINGS
BURGERS
CEREMONY
MARRIED
NERVOUS
ORGANISED
PRECIOUS
PREGNANT
PREPARED
RELAXED

Going to Rome

My daughter is going to Rome with her school. She is very excited about it. She is going to get her mails done today. She is not to bring more than €200 in spending money. I hope she had a really lovely time.

She is going to see The Coliseum and throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain. It is said that if you throw a coin into the fountain you will return to Rome. She will stay in a hotel. She is going to see lots of things that I never saw.

Liam

Worksheet

Going to Rome

Q1 Who is going to Rome?

Q2 Who is she going to Rome with?

How much spending money can she bring with her?

Name one place she will visit while there.

1990 The Best Year of My Life

I played football from a very young age. Like every youngster, I always dreamed of playing in a cup final. I was very fortunate in my career I played in and won a lot of cup finals. But the highlight of my career has to be the 1990 FAI Senior Cup Final.

Although we lost to Bray Wanderers on the day, it was a fabulous family day. The match drew the biggest crowd in years, approximately thirty five thousand people attended. Afterwards we all went back to Francis Street where we danced and drank until the early hours. There were approximately two thousand people drinking in the street.

My 1990 did not end there. One week later I shared a Lotto win with five other people and we won ninety four grand each. What a year 1990 was!

Stephen

Worksheet

1990 The Best Year of My Life

Put the following words into alphabetical order

Football	young	fortunate	career
Wanderers	approximately	thousand	people

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Work Sheet

1990 The Best Year of My Life

What sport was Stephen involved in?

Stephen dreamed of playing in what final?

In what year was the highlight of his career?

Where did they celebrate after the match?

How much did Stephen win in 1990?

Boat Trip

When I was about 15 or 16, I went on a week's camping holiday with my two friends to the lakes of Mullingar. We went fishing. After three days we were bored, burnt and broke. On the fourth day we found a rowing boat by the shore with one oar. That did not stop us from going out in it. We rowed out to one of the islands to explore it. My friends Dan and Paddy found a swan's nest with eggs in it. Paddy and Dan took the eggs back in the boat with us. We were about half way back when one of the eggs broke. The smell of rotten eggs was overpowering. We all scrambled to the front of the boat but could not get away from the smell.

This is where we lost the oar. We were out about 300 metres. We paddled with our hands for hours getting nowhere fast. It was getting dark and cold. We had to jump in the cold water and paddle with our feet, pushing the boat. Hours later we got ashore, we crawled back to the tent exhausted and tired

Stephen Wordsmith

Worksheet Boat Trip

Put the following words in sentences:

Camping

Fourth

Shore

Scrambled

My Daughter's Ballet Class

Last week I brought my three year old daughter to ballet class for the first time.

She was so nervous and so excited. When we got there she got upset so I sat beside her. But as the class went on she came out of herself.

When I saw her with a smile on her face I got all emotional. And now she can't wait to go again.

Kevin



Word Search

Ballet Class

D F S K K B Y U T L Q F Q B T
B W S U X J K X K N L S F E B
W E E K O H E C D O E L S C D
X Z C Q O V I N U Y A A W D B
L C E Z Q D R U E N Q X D L D
M Z E C R V P E O K T D A A U
T U R M W S U I N U E K U L O
R H H U E C T D C L L T G Q D
L I T T R O J G F K L O H E T
R J J J M D E R H R A K T D I
M B B E Y Q J G Y L B I E T J
P J K A I G I Y T Z C V R U D
B P Y K E L I M S X Q X B K I
F A G V K Z O O E B A Y F N Q
G N R P C L A S S I H J A W Y

BALLET
WEEK
THREE
DAUGHTER
NERVOUS
EXCITED
UPSET
CLASS
SMILE
EMOTIONAL

My First Job Irish Shipping

It was with Irish Shipping Ltd on 22nd June 1979. I started as a deck boy. My pay was £109 per month. I was 16 years of age.

The first ship I sailed on was MV Irish Oak. We travelled across the North Atlantic Sea to the east coast of America. From there we sailed up through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean. We went on to the west coast of America and then to Canada where we loaded a cargo of timber for Europe.

I have to say it was a great experience for a young lad.

Martin

Worksheet My First Job Irish Shipping

Q1 What company did Martin start working with?

Q2 On what date did he start work?

Q3 How old was he?

Q4 What cargo did the boat carry back to Europe?

My Holiday

It was my first time to go on holiday with my family. It was the 14th of August and we went to the airport to go to Spain. We were flying with Aer Lingus. The flight was very good. It took three hours to get to Spain. Then we got four taxis to the hotel.

The hotel was a very big hotel. It was nine floors high and had a big swimming pool and a gym. The next day I went for a walk. It was very hot weather. I forgot to put cream on me and my two legs got sunburnt. My legs were very sore for the rest of the holiday.

One night of the holiday we went to a Karaoke night. My nieces and sister were singing. It was a very good night seeing my two nieces singing. Going to eat with all my family took very long in the restaurant because there were so many of us. Sometimes it took three hours. For the rest of the week I went to Burger King and KFC.

One of the days of the holiday my son got on the jet skis with my niece. It was sixty euros for twenty minutes. On the last day of the holiday my son and niece went to get a tattoo on them.

It was a very good holiday with my family.

Pat

Worksheet Words within Words

Below is a list of words that can be made from the letters of the word **Holiday**

Holiday	old	Daily	Day	dial
	Do	Had	Hail	halo
	Hay	Hid	Hold	holy
	Idol	Lad	lady	laid
	Lay	Lid	Load	Oil
	Oily			

See how well you can do with the following words

Airport				

Sometimes				

A Good Day for a Walk

One day last year my grandson rang me and asked me would I like to go out to the Saltee Islands to photograph puffins. He is a very good photographer and he wanted to get some wildlife shots on the Saltees. We planned to leave Dublin at five 'clock on Sunday morning. I got my stuff ready on Saturday night. I was looking forward to this trip as I never been to the Saltees before. The best laid plans always go wrong. My grandson arrived Sunday morning with news that the boat men were not making the trip that day because the sea was too rough. 'Where to go now?', I suggested Glendalough, as I had not been there for some time.

So off we went. It was so early there was no traffic on the road. We went down the M50 and were in Wicklow in no time. It brought back a lot of memories for me of when I first saw the Sugar Loaf Mountain. It was the first mountain I ever climbed. We drove on to Glendalough. We were very early and there was nobody there. We had a look around the old church and tower then moved on to the upper car park and put on walking boots and walked to the edge of the lake to take some photos. It was a beautiful morning. The mist still hung over the water. You could see right up to the tip of the valley, where we were going. We set out on our long walk up the miner's road.

As we moved along the road you could hear the wind blowing through the trees and the birds whistling as if we were disturbing them. On the road there is a viewing point where you can see St. Kevin's bed across the lake. St Kevin was a hermit who came to live in Glendalough in the 6th century and he lived in a cave that you can see across the lake. I visited the cave many years ago. You had to go across the lake in a boat and climb up the cliff, a scary climb.

We had a long walk ahead of us and so we had to keep going. Just about then we saw the kite hovering overhead, what a lovely bird. We were making good time. Now we could see the top of the valley and I could see cliffs, which I climbed many times years ago. I would not be able to climb now. On the far side of the lake we could see the deer feeding on the grass at the side of the lake.

We were almost at the end of our walk, which led us to the ruins of the miner's village. If I was younger I would have gone on and climbed to the top of the mountain but nowadays I have to listen to my head and not my heart, remembering that I needed to walk back to the car!

Noel

Worksheet A Good Day for a Walk

Fill in the missing words from the words below

One day last year my _____ rang me and asked me would I like to go out to the Saltee Islands to _____ puffins.

My grandson arrived Sunday morning with news that the _____ men were not making the trip that day because the sea was too.

As we moved along the road you could _____ the wind blowing through the trees and the birds _____ as if we were _____ them.

You had to go across the _____ in a boat and _____ up the cliff, a scary climb.

hear grandson whistling boat climb
rough lake photograph disturbing