

Homework: Reading

Holes (an extract)

Later that day, the Warden summoned Stanley to her office. Stanley was nervous as he walked into the room, but he tried to keep a straight face and not show any fear.

"Sit down, Stanley," the Warden said, gesturing to a chair in front of her desk. "I want to talk to you about that fossil you found."

Stanley sat down and waited for her to continue.

"It's a very rare fossil," she said. "And it's worth a lot of money. I think you know that, don't you?"

Stanley didn't know what to say. He had no idea that the fossil was worth anything.

"I'm willing to pay you for it," the Warden continued. "A fair price, of course. But you have to give it to me."

Stanley was hesitant. He didn't want to give up the fossil, but he also didn't want to anger the Warden. He thought about it for a moment before speaking.

"I don't know," he said. "I found it fair and square. It belongs to me."

The Warden's eyes narrowed. "You forget where you are, Stanley," she said. "You're at Camp Green Lake. You don't own anything here."

Stanley was starting to feel trapped. He didn't know what to do. The Warden leaned in closer to Stanley. "Let me make this very clear," she said, her voice low and menacing. "If you don't give me that fossil, there will be consequences. Serious consequences."

Stanley could feel his heart racing. He didn't want to get into trouble, but he also didn't want to give up the fossil. He thought about his options for a moment before speaking.



"I'm sorry, ma'am," he said, his voice shaking slightly. "But I can't give you the fossil. It's mine."

The Warden sat back in her chair and sighed. "I see," she said, her tone cold and calculating. "Well, if that's your final decision, then you leave me no choice. You will be punished for your disobedience."

Stanley's heart sank. He had a feeling he wasn't going to like what was coming next.

1. What impression do you get of the relationship between Stanley and the Warden from this extract?

Give **two** impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Impression

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2. Put the following statements in chronological order:

- The Warden leaned in closer to Stanley: ____
- Stanley told the Warden that he wouldn't give her the fossil: ____
- The Warden told Stanley he would be punished: ____
- Stanley entered the Warden's office: ____
- The Warden sat down in her chair and sighed: ____

3. Decide if the following statements are true or false.

- Stanley found a valuable fossil: _____
- The Warden spoke kindly to Stanley: _____
- Stanley felt confident as he entered the Warden's office: _____
- Stanley wanted to make the Warden angry: _____
- The Warden offered to pay for the fossil: _____