

READING TASK 1

Chapter 5

- 1) Why was Parvana unsure about whether she should go into the shop to buy food or wait outside?
- 2) What is 'nan' and where does Parvana buy it from?
- 3) What is a 'Talib'?
- 4) What are your first impressions of Mrs Weera?
- 5) Why is Nooria so relieved to see Mrs Weera when they get home?
- 6) How long has Parvana's mother been sleeping by this point?
- 7) Why was Nooria so shocked when Parvana went to drink the water from the bucket?
- 8) 'I guess we'll have to think of something else.' What do you think Parvana's mother and Mrs Weera are talking about?

Chapter 6

- 1) What plan did Parvana's mother and Mrs Weera come up with?
- 2) Why would nobody ask about Parvana?
- 3) How do you think Nooria is feeling about Parvana being made to look like a boy?
- 4) How did Parvana feel once her hair had been cut?
- 5) What did Nooria and Maryam think about Parvana's new appearance?
- 6) Why was Parvana suddenly scared when she left to get the food?
- 7) How do you think Parvana felt about her first trip out as a boy?
- 8) Why is Parvana's mother so upset and back to sleeping when Parvana gets home?
- 9) At the end of the chapter, why does Parvana try to be nice to Nooria? Why does this backfire?