

HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

The table was (0) almost hidden beneath all Dudley's birthday presents. It looked (1) _____ Dudley had got the new computer he wanted, not (2) _____ the second television and the racing bike. Exactly why Dudley wanted a racing bike (3) _____ was a mystery to Harry, as Dudley was very fat and hated exercise – unless of course it involved punching somebody. Dudley's favourite punch-bag was Harry, but he couldn't often catch him. Harry didn't (4) _____ it, but he was very (5) _____.

Perhaps it had something to do (6) _____ living in a dark cupboard, (7) _____ Harry had always been small and skinny for his age. He looked (8) _____ smaller and skinnier than he really was because all he had to wear were (9) _____ and Dudley was (10) _____ four times bigger than he was. Harry had a thin face, knobbly knees, black hair and bright-green eyes. He wore round glasses (11) _____ together with a lot of Sellotape because of all the times Dudley had punched him on the nose. The only thing Harry liked (12) _____ his own appearance was a very thin scar on his forehead which was shaped like a bolt of lightning. He had had it (13) _____ he could remember and the first question he could ever remember (14) _____ his Aunt Petunia was how he had got it.

'In the car crash when your parents died,' she (15) _____ . 'And don't ask questions.'

Don't ask questions – that was the first rule for a quiet life with the Dursleys.

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| 0. a. even | b. almost | c. quite |
| 1. a. as though | b. even though | c. although |
| 2. a. mentioning | b. to mentioning | c. to mention |
| 3. a. it | b. that | c. Ø |
| 4. a. look | b. appear | c. seem |
| 5. a. quick | b. fast | c. rapid |
| 6. a. to | b. for | c. with |
| 7. a. but | b. because | c. though |
| 8. a. quite | b. even | c. more |

9. a. old clothes of Dudley clothes b. old clothes of Dudley's c. Dudley's old clothes
10. a. around b. about c. over
11. a. put b. kept c. held
12. a. of b. about c. from
13. a. as long as b. since c. from when
14. a. ask b. to ask c. asking
15. a. would say b. had said c. said

Key:

1. a. as though
held

2. c. to mention
about

3. c. \emptyset
long as

4. a. look

5. b. fast

6. c. with

7. a. but

8. b. even

9. b. old clothes of Dudley's

10. b. about

11. c.

12. b.

13. a. as

14. asking

15b. had said