

Holes Chapters 14-18 (PDF page 29 onwards)

1. “Just keep digging until someone says otherwise,” Mr. Pendanski said.” (p29) Which sentence below uses the word ‘otherwise’ in the same way?

- a) You must clean your teeth otherwise they’ll fall out.
- b) It was an otherwise totally black cat with a single white whisker.
- c) The collection is a good draw that brings visitors who might not come otherwise.
- d) He means mischief—it’s no good pretending otherwise.

Can you think of a synonym that will work just as well?

2. Find and copy the word on p29 (bottom half of page) that means ‘inspected’.

3. At the start of Ch 14 X-Ray pretends that he doesn’t know what Stanley is talking about. (finding the object in the hole). Why do you think he might be doing this? What might Stanley be thinking?

4. What is certain to the boys at the end of Chapter 15?

5. What do you learn about the character of ‘The Warden’? What surprises you? Think about what we learn about appearance (p30), How the warden speaks to people, and the warden’s reputation (p1&p7)

Chapters 16, 17 and 18	
Vocabulary	What does intently mean? What does sprawled mean? Can you demonstrate sprawling? Why does Sachar use the word ‘supposedly’ on Page 34 Find a word on p36 that means ‘very’.
Infer	Why does X-Ray ask the other boys if they’re tired? Why does the warden grow impatient? How does the warden’s mood change over these chapters?
Predict	Predict what will happen if/when the warden finds out the tube didn’t come from X-Ray’s hole.
Explain	Explain how you felt when the warden jabbed Armpit with the pitchfork. How did you feel when Zero asked Stanley to teach him how to write? Did this change your impressions of Zero’s character?
Retrieve	Why does Stanley work the wheelbarrow instead of digging? Who does Stanley get a letter from? Why does Stanley laugh at the letter? How does Stanley get hurt? What does Zero want Stanley to do?
Summarise	Summarise the events of these three chapters in thirty words or less.
Writing Opportunity	Précis and rewrite these three chapters from the perspective of the warden.

Optional task!

Answers

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- a) You must clean your teeth otherwise they'll fall out. ('or else')
- b) It was an otherwise totally black cat with a single white whisker. ('apart from that')
- c) The collection is a good draw that brings visitors who might not come otherwise. ('if not')
- d) He means mischief—it's no good pretending otherwise. ('differently')**

Can you think of a synonym that will work just as well? differently/not too/ etc..

- 2. examined
- 3. X-Ray may think the cabin is bugged and doesn't want to be overheard. Stanley might be puzzled and think he has been tricked by X-Ray.
- 4. They were looking for something not just digging holes
- 5. The warden is female, describe appearance using text. She has a formidable reputation: strict, firm, expects straight answers, doesn't give up easily.

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He is being sarcastic as he knows they are, the holes are not bigger, gets angrier, snappier, violent.

own answers

he is a slow digger, his parents, his mum made a joke, hit by Zigzag's shovel, Zero wants him to teach him to read and write