

A Day in the Life of Billy Fibber



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ACTIVITY 1: WHAT'S THE PLAY ABOUT?

**Listen to the tape and join the two halves of each sentence.
Then put the sentences in the right order according to the tape.**

There is a girl in school, Beth, who Billy likes ...

In his dreams Billy becomes ...

Billy Fibber is about ...

What can he do if Stevie O, ...

In his dreams ...

The thing is ...

Billy is okay at school, he's not great ...

They certainly don't work with Beth, with his parents, with his teachers, ...

Billy's life at home ...

Billy, is a normal 16-year-old schoolboy who is always ...

His parents are always so busy and always ...

Billy is beginning to think he ...

It isn't his fault ...

That is ...

And he thinks Stevie O ...

Billy has one big escape in his life – he daydreams, ...

**LISTEN TO THE TAPE AND JOIN THE TWO HALVES OF EACH SENTENCE.
THEN PUT THE SENTENCES IN THE RIGHT ORDER ACCORDING TO THE TAPE.**

... another bigger, older boy is always stealing his homework?

... anything and anyone he wants to be.

... telling him what to do, what not to do.

... isn't great either.

... almost all the time: walking in the street, at school everywhere.

... really.

... but Beth doesn't seem to notice him at all.

... with Stevie O bullying him.

... but he isn't terrible either

... likes her too.

... he is always having problems with his teachers.

... Or can he?

... has to do something in his real life.

... Billy can get anything he wants.

... in some kind of trouble.

... scary, can he?

... a typical day in Billy's life.

ACTIVITY 2: THE MAIN CHARACTERS.

GROUP A

Beth Christie

Beth is 16 years old and lives (and goes to school) in north London. She's very intelligent and quite shy, with light brown hair and dark eyes. She's attractive, although she thinks she's got a big nose, huge mouth and horrible ears.

Her hobbies are dancing and playing football and her favourite singer is Beyonce.

Generally speaking, Beth is quite happy and she has got a lot of friends. However, at the moment she has got a problem. The problem is boys.

Actually, the problem is two boys.

First there is Stevie O - the coolest boy in school. She thinks that he likes her. When she told her friends, they all laughed at her and said he was too cool for her and wouldn't look twice at her.

Then there is a boy in her class, Billy Fibber.

He's not as cool as Dennis.

Billy's quieter and shyer, and a little bit odd as he is always talking to himself.

But Beth likes him though she can't tell her friends.

They will definitely laugh at her because Billy is no girl's dream. But she can't stop thinking about him.

FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT:

The school

Dennis

Billy

GROUP B

Stevie Osborne

Stevie Osborne is 17 years old and he's cool and popular. He likes to be called Stevie O as he thinks it's a good image.

Stevie goes to school every day but he doesn't study very much at all.

He only really goes to school to flirt and chat up the girls.

He spends a lot of time looking at himself in the mirror and doesn't have time for any other hobbies.

Stevie thinks he is really cool and never shows anybody else what he feels.

As a result, he hasn't got many friends.

He's got plenty of admirers, boys who want to be like him, girls who want to be with him, but nobody special, nobody real.

Just recently, he's noticed somebody looking at him in a strange way.

He doesn't know her name. She's attractive and she looks interesting.

And also, Stevie has noticed that that stupid little boy Billy Fibber is also looking at the same girl. Now that will be interesting because Stevie hates Billy.

FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT:

The school

Beth

Billy

GROUP C

Billy Fibber

Billy is a sixteen year old schoolboy with problems.

His biggest problem at school is this boy Stevie.

Stevie is older and bigger than Billy and is always bullying him.

He takes Bill's money, he makes Billy do all his homework and makes his life horrible.

Billy is always having to stay behind to do his homework again – the homework that Stevie stole from him.

Nobody knows about this bullying.

Not the teachers, or the other students.

They just think Stevie is cool. A bit stupid yes, but cool.

And the worst thing is that Billy has noticed that the girl he likes, Beth, has started smiling at Stevie.

How can Beth be so stupid? Can she not see how horrible Stevie is?

Billy just wants to be different.

If he was different then Beth would like him and Stevie would be afraid of him!

FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU CAN ABOUT:

The school

Dennis

Beth

ACTIVITY 3: BILLY'S DAYDREAMS

a) I'd like to be a bit more ...

Billy wants to be different to how he is.

What about you?

How would you like to be different?

What would you like to change about yourself?

Which of the following sentences do you agree with?

Which are the most important? Choose five.

Add three more sentences if you can.

I'd like to be less shy with other people.

I'd like to be less shy with the opposite sex.

I'd like to be more confident in myself.

I'd like to be able to work better.

I'd like to be able to concentrate more.

I'd like to get better marks at school.

I'd like to take more risks.

I'd like to be more ambitious.

I'd like to be more dominant with other people.

I'd like to be able to listen to other people better.

I'd like to be kinder.

I'd like to

I'd like to

I'd like to

b) I want to be different so that ...

In the play Billy wants to be different so that Beth will want to go out with him. He thinks he has to be different so she will like him. What about you? Do you think you have to be different to get a boy or girl to like you?

Below is a list of human qualities. Which do you think are the most important to the opposite sex? Put them in order. You can add any other qualities you think are important.

Wears fashionable clothes
Is funny
My friends like her/him
Is attractive physically
Can show me new things e.g., hobbies, sports
Likes the same things as me e.g., music, sports
Has money
Is kind
Likes my friends
Is good at school and can help me with my homework
My parents like her/him
Is intelligent
Is a good dancer
Is popular at school
Has got nice hair/eyes
Is good at sports

c) Oh, I really wish that ...

**Billy's dreams are just wishes. Things he wishes could happen.
What about you?**

Make

one wish about school.

one wish about yourself

one wish about your family

one wish about the person sitting next to you

one wish about your teacher

one wish for this evening

one wish for the weekend

one wish about anything you like



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