**Desirable**

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Predicting

Before reading your book, look at the front cover, the pictures throughout your book, read the blurb on the back and scan read through your book. Then discuss with your group and teacher what you think this book is going to be about.

Chapter 1 - How Not to Party

1. Is this book written in the first person (the author speaking as if he is in the story) or the third person (the author telling a story about others)?
2. How does the author infer(hint) that he is not popular in the story?
3. Why won’t Tiny sit with him at lunch either?
4. How is his brother Patrick very different from him?
5. What was wrong with the present that Grandad gave him?

Follow Up Task

\*Think of different ways you could make sure you include others who may find it difficult to make friends. Use these ideas to create a poster to advertise a club at school that would help others make friends. Make sure you include pictures, Title, bullet pointed information and contact details for anyone interested.

Chapter 2 - How to Wear Aftershave

1. Why did he think that the aftershave could be smelled through walls?
2. Using ICT or a dictionary find the meaning of the word ‘sarcastic’ and write it in your jotter.
3. How does the author infer(hint) that Perfect Paula isn’t a very nice person?
4. What effect is George’s aftershave having?

\*Follow Up Task

Research the different shapes of aftershave bottles and then create your own design for your bottle and draw it on a blank piece of paper. Remember to name your aftershave.

Chapter 3 - How to be popular with girls

1. What kind of website did the girls want to design?
2. How did George say you could get out of trouble with Mrs. Hardman?
3. List a few of the events that lets us know that George is now really popular with the girls?
4. What did George think was the cause of his sudden popularity?

Connecting

\* Think of a time where you felt you were very ‘popular’ and everyone wanted to be your friend OR think of a time where you felt very alone and you felt you didn’t have many friends. Describe how you felt.

Chapter 4 - How to Recognise Goblins

1. How had the girls created a George Owusu look?
2. How did Warhammer become so popular?
3. How do we know that George thought Tiny was very lucky? (Even though he was surrounded by people who loved him.)

Follow Up Task

Questioning:-

\*Create 5 questions you would like to ask George. Then ask a partner to answer them.

Chapter 5- How to be unpopular with boys

1. Why was Huge Arnold annoyed with George?
2. Why couldn’t George be excused from the rugby game?
3. Describe what happened to the after shave ?

Follow Up Task

\*Visualisation - Imagine what you think George looks like and draw a picture of him. Write adjectives (describing words) around him to describe how he looks and his personality.

Chapter 6- How to be Lucky

1. How did George find out none of the girls were very interested in him now?
2. What do you think gave George the confidence to talk to Daniella?
3. Describe how things had changed for George regarding friends.
4. Describe how George made Tiny very popular with the girls?
5. Do you think George’s cuff-links were lucky? Give reasons.

Follow Up Task

\*Complete a book review worksheet, describing what you liked or disliked about this book.