

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January Reading Comprehension

### Diagon Alley – Extract 5

#### In this extract, Harry gets his wand.

‘No two Ollivander wands are the same, just as no two unicorns, dragons or phoenixes are quite the same. And of course, you will never get such good results with another wizard’s wand.’

Harry suddenly realized that the tape measure, which was measuring between his nostrils, was doing this on its own. Mr Ollivander was flitting around the shelves taking down boxes.

‘That will do,’ he said, and the tape measure crumpled into a heap on the floor. ‘Right then, Mr Potter. Try this one. Beechwood and dragon heartstring. Nine inches. Nice and flexible. Just take it and give it a wave.’

Harry took the wand and (feeling foolish) waved it around a bit, but Mr Ollivander snatched it out of his hand almost at once.

‘Maple and phoenix feather. Seven inches. Quite whippy. Try-’ Harry tried – but he had hardly raised the wand when it, too, was snatched back by Mr Ollivander. ‘No, no – here, ebony and unicorn hair, eight and half inches, springy. Go on, go on, try it out.’

Harry tried. And tried. He had no idea what Mr Ollivander was looking for. The pile of tried wands was getting higher and higher on the spindly chair, but the more wands Mr Ollivander pulled from the shelves, the happier he seemed to become.

‘Tricky customer, eh? Not to worry, we’ll find the perfect match here somewhere – I wonder, now – yes, why not – unusual combination – holly and phoenix feather, eleven inches and supple.’

Harry took the wand. He felt a sudden warmth in his fingers. He raised the wand above his head, brought it swishing down through the dusty air and a stream of red and gold sparks shot from the end like a firework, throwing dancing spots of light on to the walls. Hagrid whooped and clapped and Mr Ollivander cried, ‘Oh, bravo! Yes, indeed, oh, very good. Well, well, well ... how curious ...’

‘Sorry,’ said Harry, ‘but *what’s* curious?’ Mr Ollivander fixed Harry with his pale stare.

‘I remember every wand I’ve ever sold, Mr Potter. Every single wand. It so happens that the phoenix whose tail feather is in your wand, gave another feather – just one other. It is very curious indeed that you should be destined for this wand when its brother – why, its brother gave you that scar.’

Harry swallowed.

‘Yes, thirteen and a half inches. Yew. Curious indeed how these things happen. The wand chooses the wizard, remember ... I think we must expect great things from you, Mr Potter ... After all, He Who Must Not Be Named did great things – terrible, yes, but great.’

Harry shivered.



Reading Comprehension D

**Box D – Questions 11-14 are about Extract D**

11) Find **2 verbs** which tell you about Ollivander's quick way of moving.

a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

12) What two details show that Harry has found the right wand?

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13) How does Rowling build tension before revealing which other wand shares feathers from the same phoenix as Harry's?

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14) Now think about the extracts from Tuesday-Thursday. What do you think the main point of this scene in Ollivanders is?

**Copy one letter.**

- A. Ollivander is a mysterious character.
- B. Hagrid has his wand disguised as a pink umbrella.
- C. Harry has a strange connection with Voldemort.
- D. Harry will be a powerful wizard.

Can you explain your thinking?

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