

Monday 8th February Reading Comprehension
Extract from Chapter 9 of Harry Potter and the
Philosopher's Stone

In this extract, Malfoy has taken Neville's remembrall and Harry is trying to get it back.



'Look!' said Malfoy, darting forward and snatching something out of the grass. 'It's that stupid thing Longbottom's gran sent him.'

The Remembrall glittered in the sun as he held it up. 'Give that here, Malfoy,' said Harry quietly. Everyone stopped talking to watch.

Malfoy smiled nastily.

'I think I'll leave it somewhere for Longbottom to collect — how about — up a tree?'

'Give it here!' Harry yelled, but Malfoy had leapt on to his broomstick and taken off. He hadn't been lying, he could fly well — hovering level with the topmost branches of an oak he called, 'Come and get it, Potter!' Harry grabbed his broom.

'No!' shouted Hermione Granger. 'Madam Hooch told us not to move — you'll get us all into trouble.'

Harry ignored her. Blood was pounding in his ears. He mounted the broom and kicked hard against the ground and he soared, air rushed through his hair and his robes whipped out behind him — and in a rush of fierce joy he realised he'd found something he could do without being taught — this was easy, this was wonderful. He pulled his broomstick up a little to take it even higher and heard screams and gasps of girls back on the ground and an admiring whoop from Ron.

He turned his broomstick sharply to face Malfoy in mid-air. Malfoy looked stunned.

'Give it here,' Harry called, 'or I'll knock you off that broom!'

'Oh, yeah?' said Malfoy, trying to sneer but looking worried.

Harry knew, somehow, what to do. He leant forward and grasped the broom tightly in both hands and it shot towards Malfoy like a javelin. Malfoy only just got out of the way in time; Harry made a

sharp about turn and held the broom steady. A few people below were clapping. .

'No Crabbe and Coyle up here to save your neck, Malfoy,' Harry called.

The same thought seemed to have struck Malfoy.

'Catch it if you can, then!' he shouted, and he threw the glass ball high into the air and streaked back towards the ground.

Questions

1. Why does Hermione not want Harry to get on his broom?
2. Find and copy the words that suggest that Harry is feeling angry.
3. This was Harry's first time flying on a broomstick. Did he find it difficult?
4. Do you think that Harry has been brave in this extract? Back up your ideas with reference to the text.

