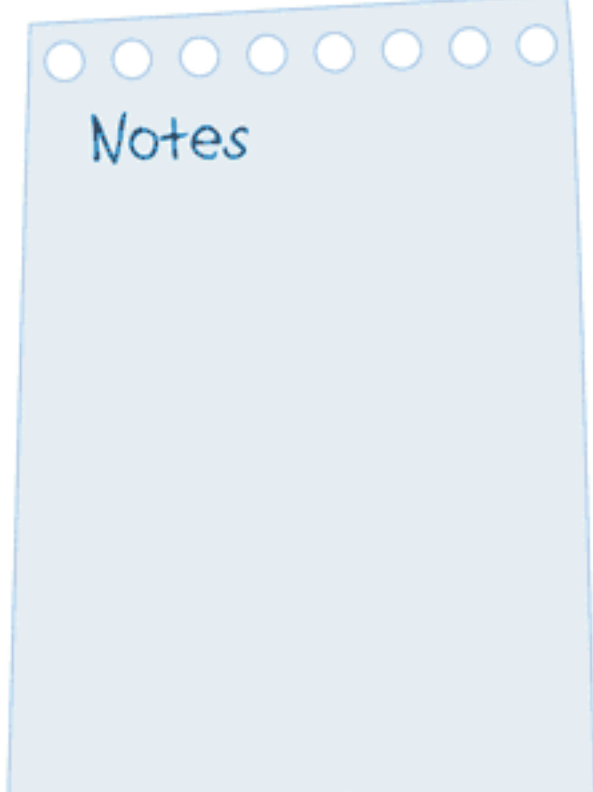


1 Look back at your answers to Activity 6.4. Think about Marcus and Will at the beginning of the book and at the end. Complete the table (✓ or X). Then compare your ideas with two or three other people. Do you agree with each other?

	At the beginning		At the end	
	Will	Marcus	Will	Marcus
selfish				
kind				
lazy				
worried				
strange				
cool				
'grown up'				
happy				

2 Work with two or three other students. Choose one of these characters: Fiona, Will or Marcus. Imagine that character in five years' time. Discuss the questions and make notes. Then talk to other students. Do you all agree?



- 1 What does he/she do now? (e.g. a job)
- 2 Has he/she got a boyfriend/girlfriend/husband/wife?
- 3 Does he/she live in the same place?
- 4 Has he/she got the same friends?
- 5 Has he/she made new friends?
- 6 Is he/she happier than before? Why (not)?

1 Prepare a short review of the book. Make notes under these headings.

About a Boy

by Nick Hornby

The main characters
Describe Marcus, Fiona and Will.
What do they look like?
What kind of people are they?

Lessons from the story
Do you think that any lessons can be learnt?
If so, what are they?

Your opinion
Is it a sad book? Is it funny?
Is it a good story?
Should your friends read it? Why?

The main story
Why did Will first meet Marcus?
How did they become friends?
How did they eventually help each other?

Book Review: ★★★★★

2 Now write your review on another piece of paper.