



# The Wave

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## While reading

### Introduction, page v

1 Match the characters in A with the sentences in B.

A	B
a Ben Ross	1 is a student.
b Christy	2 is a history teacher.
c Laurie	3 is Mr Ross's wife.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a  *The Wave* is a true story.
- b  The story happened in Germany.
- c  The story happened in 1969.
- d  Ron Jones was a history teacher.

### Chapter 1

3 Complete the sentences with names from the box.

Laurie Saunders	Robert Billings
David Collins	Brian Amman

- a ..... wants to talk with David about the school football team.
- b ..... is Laurie's boyfriend.
- c ..... is a girl in Mr Ross's class and a friend of Amy Smith.
- d ..... is a strange boy in the class. He has no friends.

### Chapter 2

4 Who says these words? Who are they talking to? Who or what are they talking about?

- a 'Why are you reading all these books about the Nazis?'  
.....
- b 'You know you need discipline to win.'  
.....
- c 'That's very good, Robert.'  
.....
- d 'I don't like this.'  
.....

### Chapter 3

5 What happens first? What happens next?

Write the numbers, 1–6.

- a  Mr Ross shows the class how to give the special salute.
- b  David says to the football team: 'We must be more disciplined.'
- c  Mr Ross's class gives the salute again and again.

- d  Mr Ross writes, 'We are all in the same team.'
- e  David tells the football team about the Wave.
- f  Mr Ross says to the class, 'We'll call our team the Wave.'

### Chapter 4

6 What do the different people in the story think about the Wave? Choose the right name or words from the box.

Mr Saunders	Mrs Saunders	David
Robert	Christy	

- a Who thinks that the Wave can help the football team? .....
- b Who is not happy and thinks that Ben must be careful? .....
- c Who thinks that the discipline of the Wave is dangerous? .....
- d Who thinks it is good for the students to think about discipline? .....
- e Who thinks the Wave is great? .....

### Chapter 5

7 Finish the sentences. Match the beginnings in A with the ends in B.

A	B
a Brad thinks the Wave is great because	1 members mustn't say bad things about the Wave.
b Robert thinks that	2 you need discipline to write for a newspaper.
c Mr Ross thinks that	3 Ben mustn't forget that the people in the experiment are young.
d Laurie says that	4 all the students are members of the same team.
e Principal Owens says that	5 the new discipline is good for the students.

### Chapter 6

8 Choose the correct answer to the following questions.

- a Laurie Saunders found a letter on the floor  
.....  
1) in the *Grapevine* office.  
2) in Mr Ross's classroom.  
3) at home.



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- b The person who wrote the letter .....
  - 1) wants to know about the Wave.
  - 2) wants to join the Wave.
  - 3) doesn't want to join the Wave.
- c The fight between the two boys was stopped by .....
  - 1) Principal Owens.
  - 2) a teacher.
  - 3) Laurie Saunders.
- d At the end of Chapter 6, Laurie tells David .....
  - 1) she is angry with him for being in the Wave.
  - 2) she doesn't like the Wave.
  - 3) she is sad because she is in love with him.

## Chapters 7-8

9 Put the names from the box in the right place.

Amy Ben Ross Brad Brian  
Christy Ross Clarkstown school Robert

- a ..... wants Laurie to give the Wave salute before the football game.
- b ..... wins the football game.
- c ..... thinks that Laurie doesn't like the Wave because of her fight with David.
- d ..... was surprised after reading Laurie's story about the Wave.
- e ..... says that many of the teachers don't like Ben's experiment.
- f ..... wants Laurie to stop writing bad things about the Wave.
- g ..... thinks David is the best person to talk to Laurie.

## Chapter 9

10 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

Correct the sentences which are wrong.

- a Ben's wife doesn't believe in the Wave experiment.  
.....
- b Principal Owens wants to see Ben Ross tonight.  
.....
- c Laurie feels afraid because the road is very noisy.  
.....

- d David tells Laurie to stop writing good things about the Wave.  
.....
- e David is sorry after he pushes Laurie over.  
.....

## Chapter 10

11 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

afraid bad good important late  
surprised wrong

- a Ben thinks the Wave is ..... for his students.
- b Ben's wife thinks that the Wave is ..... for the school.
- c Christy tells Ben that he is a ..... teacher.
- d Ben was ..... when he saw David and Laurie at the door.
- e Ben opened the door, but he told the students it was ..... .
- f David and Laurie needed Ben's help because something was ..... at the school.
- g They said that bad things were happening and that some students were ..... .

## Chapters 11-12

12 What happened? Complete the sentences.

- a Mr Ross told his students that the Wave was much more than  
.....
- b The students thought they were going to see  
.....
- c The Wave members all stood up and gave the Wave salute when  
.....
- d The students were very quiet when  
.....

## After reading

13 Talk with another student and answer the following questions.

- a Did you like the story? Why/Why not?
- b Which of the following characters from the stories did you find the most interesting – Mr Ross, Laurie, Robert, David? Why?
- c Which of the characters mentioned in (b) do you feel the most sympathy for? Why?



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**1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?**

- a  Mr Ross says that the Nazis killed about four million people.
- b  The students see a film about the Nazis and Auschwitz.
- c  Mr Ross says he doesn't know why most Germans didn't try to stop the Nazis.
- d  Everyone likes Robert Billings.
- e  Laurie thinks about the film a lot.
- f  David thinks about the film a lot.
- g  Christy is not surprised that the students stayed at the end of the class.
- h  The school football team is very good.
- i  Robert Billings is good at the new discipline.
- j  A lot of students like Mr Ross's new discipline.

**2 In which order do the following things happen.**

**Write the numbers 1–10.**

- a  Laurie receives a letter about the Wave from an unhappy student.
- b  The football team at Gordon High lose the match against Clarkstown.
- c  Mr Ross taught his students how to do the Wave salute.
- d  Laurie told her mother and father about the history lesson.
- e  Mr Ross taught his students how to sit up properly.
- f  Ben Ross saw that the Wave was not a game for his students.
- g  Principal Owens tells Ben he isn't happy about the Wave.
- h  Mr Ross showed his history class a film about Hitler and the Nazis.
- i  Laurie decides to write a story about the Wave in *The Grapevine*.
- j  Laurie tells David that she doesn't like what the Wave is doing to the school.

**3 Who is who? Answer the questions with names from the box. (Sometimes, there may be more than one correct answer.)**

Mr Ross	Laurie	Amy	David	Alex
Robert Billings	Mr Owens	Christy		

- a Who teaches history at Gordon High? .....
- b Who is very good friends with Amy? .....
- c Who works at Gordon High? .....
- d Who writes stories for *The Grapevine*? .....
- e Who plays for Gordon High's football team? .....

- f Who likes the new discipline in the history class? .....
- g Who is married to Ben Ross? .....
- h Who writes bad things about the Wave? .....
- i Who is Principal of Gordon High? .....
- j Who loves David Collins? .....

**4 Choose the best description for what is happening in each picture.**

- a Page 5 .....
  - 1) Mr and Mrs Ross are having dinner.
  - 2) Mr and Mrs Ross are talking about the Wave.
  - 3) Mr and Mrs Ross are talking about the students.
- b Page 12 .....
  - 1) The Saunders family are talking about the Wave.
  - 2) The Ross family are talking about the Wave.
  - 3) The Owens family are talking about the Wave.
- c Page 11 .....
  - 1) A teacher is attacking two students.
  - 2) A teacher is stopping a fight.
  - 3) Two students are attacking a teacher.
- d Page 30 .....
  - 1) David is going to push Laurie over.
  - 2) David is going to hit Laurie.
  - 3) Laurie is going to hit David.

**5 Put the words from the box in the right place.**

so	before	after	when
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- a Robert Billings is very happy ..... Mr Ross starts the Wave.
- b Mr Ross cannot answer the students' questions about the Nazis, ..... he decides to start the Wave.
- c Mr Ross shows his students a film about the Nazis ..... he starts the Wave.
- d Mr Ross wants to talk to Robert ..... the last rally.

**6 Six things are wrong in the following summary of the story. Make them right.**

Mr Ross, a geography teacher, shows his students a film about the Nazis. To make his students understand, Mr Ross starts the Grapevine. He teaches the students discipline. He isn't surprised when they like the new discipline. Laurie Saunders is very happy about the Wave and writes good things about it in the school newspaper. In the end, people understand that the Wave is not good for the school and Mr Owens stops it.