

A LIKELY PLACE

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Text Opener

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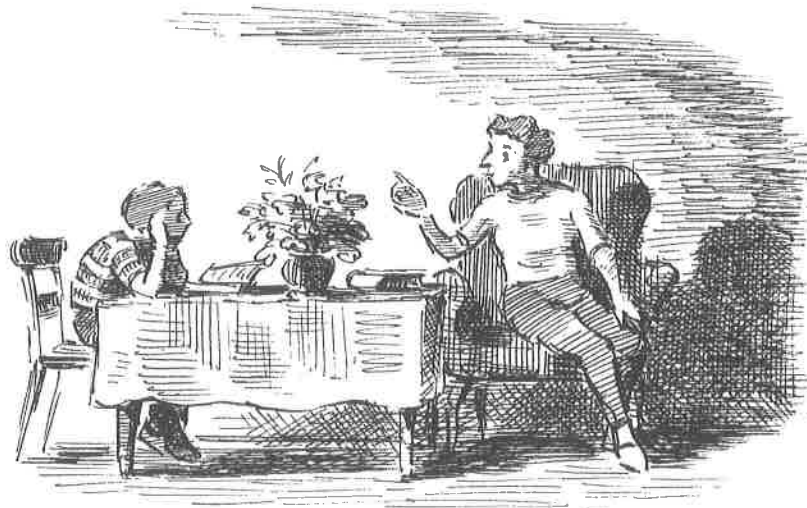
How do you think grownups should treat kids?

Should grownups help kids do things correctly, or let them figure things out for themselves?

Should grownups ask kids about their feelings, or leave kids to themselves?

Should grownups get mad when kids do something wrong, or act like nothing has happened?

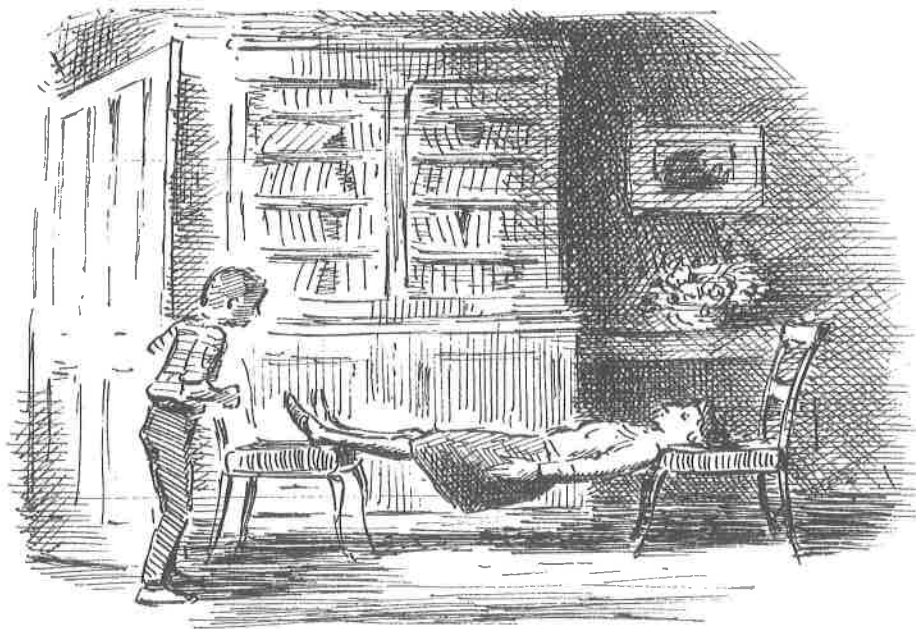
Should grownups have high expectations of kids, or be satisfied with whatever effort kids make?



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During your second reading of the story, you marked places where adults do things that make Lewis feel **discouraged**, and places where they do things that make him feel **encouraged**.

Now look over your notes and answer this interpretive question:
Why does Lewis like Miss Fitchlow and Mr. Madruga?



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Lewis' parents want him to be **responsible**. But Lewis wants to **run away**.

responsible

- ↑ trustworthy; dependable
- ↑ grown-up

run away

- ↑ to leave home, usually in secret
- ↑ to go out of control

In what ways does Lewis show that he *is* responsible?

1. _____
2. _____

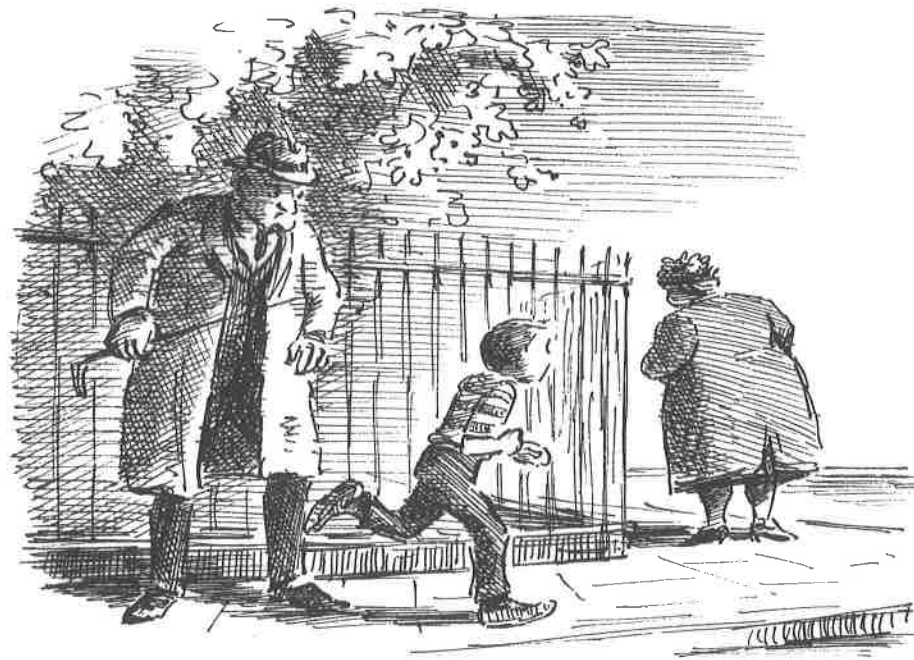
Why do Lewis' parents think he is *not* responsible?

1. _____
2. _____

How does a person who wants to run away feel?

Now answer this interpretive question:

Why does Lewis sometimes run away from responsibility?



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Make notes for a story about what happens when your parents go out of town for a while and leave you with the ideal sitter.

**What does your sitter look like?
How does he or she talk and act?**

**What unusual or fun things does your sitter do?
Do you do these things together?**

Your Story Idea

**What does your sitter allow you to do that your
parents don't? Why does this make you glad?**

How does your sitter help you grow up a little?

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Make notes for an essay describing a special place you would like to have, and how it would make you feel more grown up.

What does your special place look like and how do you fix it up?

When do you go to your special place? What do you do there?

Your Special Place

Do you like to be alone in your place, or have visitors? Would you like to live there?

How does having your own special place make you feel good?

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