

Link for the Book of Hopes' <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/>

Read a paragraph from the following story from the 'Book of Hopes' each day. I have shown you where to stop reading each day. We will have to read the whole short story by the end of the week. You will complete the work throughout the week and turn in on Friday. The daily task is highlighted in yellow, leave your comments on google classroom.

Day 1: Read the paragraph below and complete the task.

New Boots

There's a huge hole in my right boot and the sole flaps madly on my left. Our Lily used to pass down her boots to me, but now my feet have grown too big, even though she's much older than me. She's away in service, working as a lady's maid.

I don't want to be a lady's maid. I want to be the lady! My teacher says I've got a chance of getting a scholarship to the Girl's High School next year. I go past it when I go to Biggerton market on errands for Ma. I can't see me fitting in with all those posh girls in their fancy uniform to be honest. Mind you, I don't really fit in at the village school either.

Task: Comment on what you like so far...

Day 2: Read the next paragraph below and complete the task:

They all call me Spud. It is not my real name, obviously. Ma gave us girls flowery names. I'm Rose, and my older sisters are Lily and Violet. I'm called Spud because of my brown frock. Ma made it out of cheap material and it's so coarse it sets me itching something chronic. The children at school say it's made out of old potato sacking. Hence Spud.

If I ever get to be a lady, I shall wear silk frocks all the shades of the rainbow. Though a queen is the highest lady in the land and poor old Victoria wears nothing but black every day.

There's a wonderful evening gown in the Draper's shop window in Biggerton. It's a rich Prussian blue, with red satin trimmings and red cut-glass beads on the bodice. Someone has arranged a pair of scarlet kid boots beside the deep blue hem, the perfect touch.

Task: Comment on what you think will happen next...

Day 3: Read the next paragraph below and complete the task:

I am here to buy flour and cheese and a dozen eggs because our old Henny Penny's stopped laying, but now I have the groceries, I must have one more look at the dazzling gown.

But when I glimpse the Draper's window, the dress is missing! Has someone purchased my beautiful gown? I rush to see, and the sole on my left boot catches on a

pebble. I stagger and land on my knees, juggling flour and cheese and eggs.

The lady from the Draper's shop dashes out and picks me up.

I burst into tears, and then duck my head, ashamed.

'Don't cry, child! You've saved every single egg! But oh dear, look at the state of your boots!' she says.

The sole has torn right off, and my bare foot is touching the ground now.

'Are these your only pair?' she asks gently, and I nod.

Task: Comment on how you think Rose is feeling right now and why...

Day 4: Read the next paragraph below and complete the task:

'We don't really stock children's boots. The only footwear I have in my shop are scarlet boots to go with an evening gown, but the lady who bought it didn't care for the ensemble. They're ridiculously fancy and probably far too big for you, but you're welcome to try them,' she says.

'They're a perfect fit for my big feet! The kid feels soft as a glove but the sole is stout.

'They're the most beautiful boots in all the world – but I couldn't possibly afford them,' I say, sniffing.

Task: Comment on what you think the shopkeeper will do about Rose's shoes, and what you would do if you were this shopkeeper...

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Day 5: Read the last paragraph below and complete the task:

The lady looks at me. She looks at the boots.

'Take them, dear,' she says. 'When you start earning you can come and pay me. How about that?'

Oh joy! When I am a lady, I shall buy *all* my gowns and boots from her! And though I'm still an ungainly girl in a brown dress, I feel like a queen. I dance all the way home in my new boots, my beautiful, red kid boots!

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Task: Write a 100 word review about this story.

What to include in your review:

- ❖ A star review out of 5 (5 most, 1 least) e.g: * * * * * 5 stars/* * * * 4 stars/* * * 3 stars/* * 2 stars/* 1 star
- ❖ What was your favourite part/ what did you like most?
- ❖ Would you recommend this story to someone else?