

Make sure you have listened to or read chapters 2 and 3 of Street Child to complete the activity below and on the next page.

Task 1— Answer the following questions:

1) Why do the children call Mr Spink ‘the stick man’?

2) Page 9—“He heard Emily give a little sigh beside him.” Why does Emily sigh at this moment?

3) Is Mr Spink right to force the family leave?

4) How can we work out who is the youngest of the three children? Look at page 11 for evidence.

Task 2:

Write a note in role as one of the sisters to their mum, showing how they feel about not being able to look after her when she is ill and their fears for the future

Task 3—answer the following questions:

1) On page 14, how did Rosie know that the family had been thrown out of their home before she’d asked them?

2) Why were the children so scared of the workhouse?

3) On page 19, why is Mrs Jarvis’s voice suddenly ‘steady and stronger’?

4) How do you think Mrs Jarvis felt when she had to leave Lizzie and Emily?

5) ‘Jim daren’t look at her. He daren’t listen to the sounds that she was making now that they were into the day” (pg. 19) What is the author suggesting Jim’s mother is doing here?
