



David Copperfield

by Charles Dickens.

The Scene where David is flogged by Mr. Murdstone.

{Watch the movie and pay attention to the expressions and words below. Try to guess the meaning of these words and phrases from the context.}

Language focus: Idioms and phrasal verbs.

Language Skill: guessing meaning of words and expressions from context.

1. **“Don’t loose heart”** what do you think this expression means?
2. **“It’s too cramped”** what do you think **Cramped** means?
3. **“If you didn’t fidget, there would be plenty of room”**. What do you think **fidget** and **plenty of room** mean?
4. **“you tell Clara, Barkis is waiting for his answer”**. Can you spot the mistake in that sentence?
5. **“That would be a good match”** what does the expression **a good match** mean.
6. **“Don’t let us fall out”**. What does **fall out** mean?
7. **“Pass away”** what does it mean in the context of the movie?
8. **“You should be dead, not them”** what do the words suggest about the speaker’s personality?

Discussion topics

1. What do you think of Mr. Mudstone’s form of Education? What are the advantages and disadvantages of flogging students? Should flogging be banned from schools completely?
2. What do you think of David’s new school? Compare David’s school to yours.
3. Can you guess how does the story end? (oral exercise).