

Improving Your Reading with Summarising Sheba: Charlie Brooke



Charlie Brooke was always very helpful. At the village school, he reigned in the playground. He was great at football, cricket, gymnastics and swimming because he was very strong. Charlie's school friends loved him and Charlie was always willing to help them. "Charlie to the rescue!" his friends on the playground used to say. Charlie was happiest when he was helping someone else.

By the time that Charlie left school, he was incredibly strong. He was over six feet tall and his shoulders were very wide. Charlie had curly, fair hair and bright blue eyes. He always had a kind expression on his face.



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- a kind and sporty schoolmate
- a teacher at the local village school

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Answers

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Introducing Charlie

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