



Oliver Twist – Quick Check

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Complete the following questions based on the passage about Oliver Twist. Answer each question carefully.

Oliver Twist

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Oliver Twist was born in a workhouse, a place where poor people received basic care. His birth was difficult, and for some time it was uncertain whether he would survive. Luckily, he eventually began to breathe and cry. The narrator humorously suggests that if Oliver had been surrounded by too many caring relatives and doctors, they might have made things worse. Instead, only an old nurse and a parish surgeon were present. After Oliver was born, his mother, a young and very weak woman, asked to see her baby. The surgeon gave Oliver to her. She kissed him, held him, and then sadly died. Nobody knew much about her. She had been found alone in the street the previous night, with worn-out shoes. The surgeon noticed that she was not wearing a wedding ring, suggesting that Oliver was born to an unmarried mother. After her death, the nurse dressed Oliver in the workhouse clothes. The narrator explains that clothing showed Oliver's social position. Without the clothes, he could have looked like the child of a rich person or a poor person. But once he wore the old yellow workhouse clothes, everyone could see that he was a poor orphan and a parish child. Oliver was therefore left without parents and was placed under the care of the workhouse authorities. He was expected to live a difficult life, suffering from hunger, neglect, and mistreatment. Even though Oliver did not understand that he was an orphan, he cried loudly, beginning his difficult journey in life.☒

1. Find and copy one word from the passage that shows Oliver was born into a difficult situation.

[1 mark]

2. Answer the following questions about Oliver's early life.

[6 marks]

2(a) What happened to Oliver's mother after he was born?

[1 mark]

2(b) What does the surgeon's observation about the wedding ring suggest about Oliver's mother?

[2 marks]

2(c) Explain how Oliver's clothing affected how others viewed him.

[3 marks]

3. What does the word 'workhouse' mean in paragraph 1?

[1 mark]

4. Match each term in Column A with the correct description in Column B.

[4 marks]

COLUMN A

workhouse

orphan

mother

suffering

COLUMN B

A child without parents

A place for the poor

A weak woman

A difficult life

5. Oliver was born into a wealthy family. True or False? Explain how you know.

[2 marks]

☐ True

☐ False

6. Why do you think Oliver cried loudly after his birth?

[2 marks]

7. Number these events in the order they happened

[1 mark]

- ☐ 1. Oliver's mother died,
- ☐ 2. Oliver was born,
- ☐ 3. The surgeon gave Oliver to his mother,
- ☐ 4. Oliver was dressed in workhouse clothes.

8. What did the surgeon notice about Oliver's mother that suggested she was unmarried?

[1 mark]

- ☐ a She was wearing old clothes
- ☐ b She did not have a wedding ring

- ☐ c She was alone in the street
- ☐ d She was very weak

9. Oliver was expected to live a difficult life, suffering from hunger, neglect, and _____. [1 mark]

10. Question 10 (4 marks) Evaluate the impact of Oliver's early experiences on his future. Use evidence from the passage to support your answer. [4 marks]

a What challenges did Oliver face immediately after his birth? [2 marks]

b How do these early experiences shape Oliver's identity as he grows up? [2 marks]
