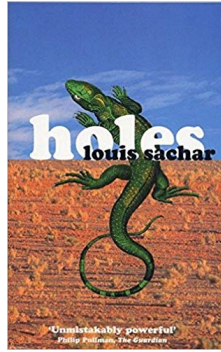


# Knowledge Organiser- English: Holes

## Important Information

**Name of Book:** Holes  
**Publication:**  
**Author:** Louis Sachar  
**Genre:** mystery, crime fiction



## Text

**Plot:** Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather. Now Stanley been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realise there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake.

**Themes:** Fate and free will, justice and judgment, choices, friendship, morality

**Setting:** Camp Green Lake detention Centre- Texas

**Main Characters:** Stanley, Zero, Warden, Kate Barlow, Sam, Mr Pendanski

## Explanation text

**Purpose:** to explain how something works or why something occurs.

Examples	Structure	Language Features
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What were the events that led to the Battle of Hastings?</li> <li>-What causes a tsunami?</li> <li>-How does the Moon affect the tides?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-General statement to introduce the topic</li> <li>-In chronological order</li> <li>-Organised around a series of events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Present tense</li> <li>-Third person</li> <li>-Use temporal and causal conjunctions</li> <li>-Include diagrams to add information</li> <li>- Formal voice</li> </ul>

Key word	Defintion	Explanation
<b>auction</b>	a public sale in which goods/property are sold to the highest bidder	
<b>counsellor</b>	a person trained to give guidance on personal or psychological problems	
<b>descendants</b>	a person that is descended from a particular ancestor	
<b>desolate</b>	uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness	
<b>juvenile</b>	for or relating to young people.	
<b>miscarriage</b>	an unsuccessful outcome of something planned	
<b>shovel</b>	a tool resembling a spade with a broad blade and typically upturned sides	
<b>shrivelled</b>	wither, as a result of loss of moisture	
<b>barren</b>	land too poor to produce vegetation/bleak, lifeless	
<b>jurisdiction</b>	the official power to make legal decisions and judgements	
<b>perseverance</b>	persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.	
<b>legitimate</b>	conforming to the law or to rules	

## Quotes

"I'm not saying it's going to be easy. Nothing in life is easy. But that's no reason to give up. You'll be surprised what you can accomplish if you set your mind to it.  
 After all, you only have one life, so you should try to make the most of it."  
 Rattlesnakes would be a lot more dangerous if they didn't have the rattle."  
 You have only one life, make the most of it"

**Quote**