

English

Lesson 3: Oliver and the Workhouse

## **Oliver Asks for More**

Mr Johnston



At the beginning of the extract Dickens describes the workhouse boys suffering the **'tortures of slow starvation.'** Later in the extract, Dickens describes the master of the workhouse as **'a fat, healthy man.'**

**1. Compare Dickens' description of the workhouse master and the workhouse boys?**

Whereas the workhouse master is 'a fat, healthy man',...

**2. What is Dickens suggesting about the workhouse master through these contrasting descriptions?**

Dickens uses these contrasting descriptions to suggest...

**3. What might Dickens be criticising about his society through these contrasting descriptions?**

Dickens may be using these contrasting descriptions to...



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**1. Is Oliver being rude when he makes this request?**

It is clear that Oliver is not being rude when he makes this request because...

**2. How does the master respond to Oliver's request? Why does he respond in this way?**

The master responds to Oliver's request by...



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**3. What might Dickens be suggesting about workhouses through this moment?**

Dickens may be suggesting that workhouses...

**4. What might Dickens be criticising in his society through this moment?**

Dickens may be criticising...

