

English

Lesson 2: Oliver and the Workhouse

## **Oliver appears before the Workhouse Board**

Mr Johnston



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**Confusion**

**Reader -  
pity Oliver**



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**1. Why does Oliver bow to the table here?**

Oliver bows to the table because...

**2. What does this moment suggest about Oliver's feelings about his situation?**

This moment suggests that Oliver feels...

**3. How is the reader likely to feel towards Oliver in this moment?**

The reader is likely to feel...



**Vulnerability**

**No sympathy**

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**Cruel and judgemental**

**Nervous**



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1. Does the behaviour of Mr Bumble and the board member help calm Oliver or make him more nervous? Give a reason for your answer? (If you can, use quotations to support your answer.)

It is clear that Mr Bumble and the board member calm Oliver's nerves/make Oliver more nervous...

2. What is Dickens suggesting about the attitude of the these characters towards Oliver?

Dickens is suggesting that...

3. How is the reader likely to feel towards Oliver during these moments?

The reader is likely to feel...

