

## Ed's Reading Room Word Search

### Thief!

by John Pilkington

H	G	S	D	Q	U	W	T	R	R	Y	W	H	U
L	T	J	A	R	P	R	P	G	D	W	J	T	Q
O	H	W	T	N	E	M	E	T	I	C	X	E	R
R	A	A	R	Y	F	Q	R	N	D	P	J	Q	Y
D	R	T	Y	U	J	E	D	A	L	H	D	P	R
B	V	Q	D	F	T	M	L	A	F	R	W	N	E
O	E	U	Y	D	I	E	Y	I	G	Y	U	O	T
N	S	W	T	L	R	E	R	Q	P	J	D	T	S
N	T	H	L	T	R	E	L	R	T	E	G	T	Y
E	E	G	A	S	D	U	Y	D	Q	H	P	U	M
R	J	E	H	R	H	O	R	N	S	E	Y	B	W
W	H	B	U	R	G	L	A	R	I	E	S	N	H
T	G	M	W	Q	H	G	U	J	Y	T	G	E	Y
D	Q	U	N	O	I	N	O	K	C	A	L	B	J

Ben Button

Hornsey

theatre

players

farm

harvest

Lord Bonner

Queen

windmill

hayfields

burglaries

murder

Black Onion

San Felipe

excitement

mystery

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Draw a map of Elizabethan Middlesex using the map at the beginning of the book to help you. Label your map and decide whether it would be more effective in black and white or in colour.

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#### Ed's Poetry

The words for the [Chop-Cherry Song](#) are referred to several times in this book. Choose an aspect of the story such as the Black Union then brainstorm ideas about it. Write a poem with two or three verses following this rhyming pattern. Give your poem a title.

When as the rye reach to the chin,  
And chop-cherry, chop-cherry ripe within,  
Strawberries swimming in the cream,  
And schoolboys playing in the stream...

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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Imagine you are Ben and write a **letter** to one of your theatre friends in London about recent events near your home in Hornsey. Remember to use the first person (I saw... I think...) and talk about your feelings as well as the facts.