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1 Rewrite these jumbled sentences from the story, fixing their mistakes.

- a Father was in the tinkering boiler room the engine with, and there was no time Mother from the kitchen to fetch.

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- b Lumbering beasts and cartwheels creaking kicked up clouds of along dust the road lining riverbank the.

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- c Joe looked around, it but seemed that were people purposefully going about their business, no with traces of amusement to detected be in their faces.

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- d Sam endless asked questions about farmers the upriver – who what owned property, what names were their, how many they children had, how sheep many they ran, what it was they bought traded and.

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2 Imagine you are Joe. Write a sentence to explain what you would do in these situations in the story.

- a When you fall off the bike in front of Father and Mr Ferguson.

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**b** When you see a sharp shadow looming from the cargo stacks.

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**c** When you meet Sam for the first time.

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**d** When you realise that Mother and Father need to know about Sam.

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**e** When you find out that Sam is now your adopted brother.

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**3** Write a new ending to the story, in which Joe decides not to tell Mother and Father that Sam is living on the boat. How long could Joe keep Sam hidden? Use the other side of the page if you need more space.

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1 Write a sentence about how these things have changed since the time of the story.

	In the story	Today
clothes		
schooling		
games		
toys		
names used for parents		

2 Cross out the extra punctuation in these sentences from the story.

- a He loved, the sensation "of twisting and turning in the water, especially during the summer months, when the. stifling heat and the scent! of baking bushland seared, the nostrils, only to be soothed by the cool, muddy embrace of the river.
- b Although it was the dry? season, they had: already learned the, hard way that it was. unwise to rely on there being, no" rain.
- c He had fed; Sam whatever morsels he'd managed to save! from dinner, including the plate scrapings that, would ordinarily be used for? fish bait or tossed overboard'.

3 Write your own definition for these words from the story.

a tentative: \_\_\_\_\_

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b settlement: \_\_\_\_\_

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c prosperous: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d subsequent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

e makeshift: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

f frequent: \_\_\_\_\_  
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