**Harry Potter, The Order of the Phoenix, Chapter 1: Dudley Demented**

**Questions on the text**

1. **The opening (ll. 1-10)** Make sure you know the meaning of the adjectives listed here: *idyllic – tense – oppressive – gloomy – dismal – harmonious – peaceful – dreary – lively – exciting – pleasant – ominous – suspense-filled – relaxed – threatening*

1. Which of these adjectives would you use to describe the atmosphere that is conveyed in the first 9 lines? Substantiate your choice of words by picking out 5 significant words in the 9 lines.
2. **Privet Drive, Little Whinging**

Describe Privet Drive and its inhabitants.

Would you like to live there and raise your children there? Why/Why not?

1. **The Dursleys: Aunt Petunia (Harry’s late mother’s sister) and Uncle Vernon**

Sum up in 3-5 adjectives how you would characterize Petunia and Vernon

1. **Harry**

All the words in the diagram below are used about Harry. Complete the diagram by changing the word class of each word.

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| **Noun** | **Adjective** |
| Tension |  |
| Frustration |  |
|  | Angry |
| Hopelessness |  |
|  | Plagued |
|  | Desperate |
| Temporary Relief |  |
|  | Resigned |

1. **Non-realistic elements**

Find as many non-realistic elements as possible on pp. 1-9.

1. **Understanding the text.**

**-** Who is Sirius, and what does he advise Harry to do?

**-** How does Harry feel about taking Sirius’ advice?

**-** What does Harry dream *about*? And what does he dream *of*?

**-** In what way is Harry’s scar magical?

**-** What does Dudley Dursley look like?

**-** What is Dudley’s position in his gang? Among other children?

**-** Why does Harry not fear Dudley? And how can we see that he doesn’t?

**-** How does Dudley strike back?

**-** Why does it suddenly turn dark and cold?

**-** How does Harry manage to drive away the assailants?