**Mark Haddon *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003)**

**Introductory work (in pairs)**

Discuss how reading a novel about mental health problems is different from reading a short story or a text from another genre about the topic.

**Write your most important points here:**

**Siobhan (individiually) Find 3-5 important quotes in which Siobhan appears.**

**(In pairs)** Compare your quotes in which Siobhan appears. Make sure you have plenty, if you have found the same ones then search the novel for a few more.

1. In which connections is she mentioned?

2. How can you through the quotes describe her relation to Christopher, the way she works professionally with him and her involvement?

3. Now imagine how she would respond to Christopher’s text. Write her letter of response to him in which you consider sender and receiver.

- What is important to keep in mind about Siobhan as sender?

**-** Now write her letter starting like this:

*Dear Christopher,*

*I have just finished reading your story…*

**Father (individiually) Find 3-5 important quotes in which Christopher’s father appears.**

**(In pairs)** Compare your quotes in which Christopher’s father appears. Make sure you have plenty, if you have found the same ones then search the novel for more.

1. List the first 5 adjectives you think of when you think of the father.

**5 adjectives:**

2. Do these adjectives stand in contrast to each other or not?

**Written between the lines, we find a round and very complex father-character.**

3. Do a thorough characterisation of him, *using analytical terms* and including both:  
how he handles his son as well as his problems and faults.  
 *Do not forget to consider whether he goes through a development.*