

# A - V3 (Policeman) and Christopher

our friend. She lived on the opposite side of the road, 2 horses to the left."

MRS. SHEARS. Get away from my dog.

*Christopher takes two steps away from the dog.*

SIOBHAN. "My name is Christopher John Francis Boone. I live at 36 Randolph Street, Swindon, Wiltshire. I know all the countries of the world and capital cities. And every prime number up to 7,507."

MRS. SHEARS. Get away from my dog for Christ's sake.

*Christopher puts his hands over his ears. He closes his eyes. He rolls forward. He presses his forehead onto the grass. He starts groaning.*

SIOBHAN. "After 12 and a half minutes a policeman arrived. He had a big orange leaf stuck to the bottom of his shoe which was poking out from one side." This is good Christopher. It's quite exciting. I like the details. They make it more realistic.

*A policeman enters. He has a big orange leaf stuck to the bottom of his shoe, which is poking out to one side. He squats next to Christopher.*

"He squatted down next to me. He said to me:"

*Christopher stops groaning.*

POLICEMAN. Would you like to tell me what's going on here, young man?

*Christopher lifts his head from the ground.*

*There is some time.*

*Christopher looks at the policeman.*

*There is some time.*

SIOBHAN. "I do not tell lies. Mother used to say that this was because I was a good person. But it is not because I am a good person. It is because I can't tell lies."

CHRISTOPHER. The dog is dead.

POLICEMAN. I'd got that fat.

CHRISTOPHER. I think someone killed the dog.

POLICEMAN. How old are you?

CHRISTOPHER. I'm 15 years and 3 months and 2 days.

POLICEMAN. And what precisely are you doing in the garden?

CHRISTOPHER. I'm talking to you.

POLICEMAN. OK, why were you in the garden in the first place?

CHRISTOPHER. I was holding the dog.

POLICEMAN. Why were you holding the dog?

CHRISTOPHER. I like dogs.

POLICEMAN. Did you kill the dog?

CHRISTOPHER. I did not kill the dog.

POLICEMAN. You seem very upset about this.

I'm going to ask you once again.

*Christopher starts groaning.*

Terrific.

*Christopher carries on groaning.*  
Young man I'm going to ask you to stop making that noise and to stand up please calmly and quietly.

*Christopher carries on groaning.*

Marvellous. Great. Just flipping —

*The policeman tries to lift him up by his arm.*

*Christopher screams. He hits the policeman.*

*The policeman stares at Christopher. For a while the two look at one another, neither entirely sure what to say or quite believing what has just happened.*

I'm arresting you for assaulting a police officer. I strongly advise you to get into the back of the police car because if you try any of that monkey business again you stupid idiot I am going to seriously lose my shit. Is that understood?

## 2. SCHOOL

SIOBHAN. "I find people confusing. This is for two main reasons. The first main reason is that people do a lot of talking without using any words. Siobhan says that if you raise one eyebrow it can mean lots of different things. It can mean 'I want to do sex with you.' I never said that."

CHRISTOPHER. Yes you did.

SIOBHAN. I didn't use those words Christopher.

CHRISTOPHER. You did on September 12th last year. At first break. SIOBHAN. "And it can also mean 'I think that what you just said was very stupid.'"