

“Holes” by Louis Sachar Chapters 27 & 28  
Guided Reading Task for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021



A smile can tell us a lot about what a person is thinking and feeling.

Not all smiles are the same.

The author describes three characters as smiling in these chapters but for very different reasons.

Mr. Sir smiled at him. “What are you waiting for?” he asked.  
“Drink up.”

(Zero’s) smile was too big for his face.

Kate smiled. There was nothing they could do to her anymore.

Compare the smiles of Mr Sir and Zero (both in Chapter 27) and Kate Barlow (at the end of Chapter 28). Why is each person smiling? What emotions are they feeling that have caused them to smile? If you were directing actors to play these parts in a film adaptation, what words would you use to get the right sort of smile out of them for each character? Remember to give your answer using full sentences.