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# AJAY AND THE MUMBAI SUN

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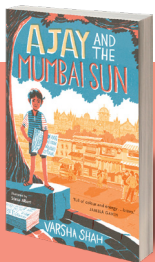
## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER RESOURCES

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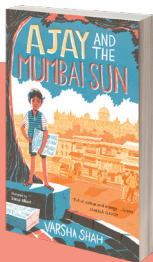


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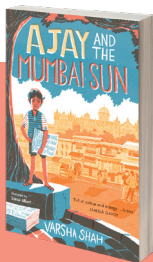
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Front cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the cover, what do you think the book will be about?</li> <li>Who do you think the main characters will be?</li> <li>Where do you think it will be set?</li> </ul>		
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Ajay's objective in this chapter?</li> <li>Find three similes - do you think they are effective? If so, why?</li> </ul>	Write a description of a train, bus or car journey - try to make it come alive for the reader.	<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> • Find India, and Mumbai, on a map. Look at images of the city as a class - does it look how you imagine it in the story?
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write down three adjectives to describe Vinod.</li> <li>What is Ajay's dream?</li> </ul>	Write a description of your favourite meal.	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does Ajay need to get from Mr Sandhu?</li> <li>What is your favourite line from the description of the market or Mr Sandhu's stall?</li> </ul>		<b>ART</b> • Draw a picture of how you imagine the market/stall to look.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is your impression of Mr Raz? What gives you this impression?</li> </ul>		<b>PHILOSOPHY</b> • What makes a celebrity? Do you think fame is a good or bad thing? Debate as a class.



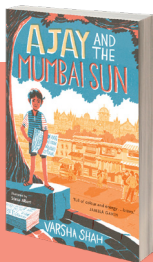
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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List four things about Ajay's room at the station. What is your impression of it? Why?</li> <li>Why is Ajay's fountain pen so important to him?</li> </ul>	Write a description of your dream home.	<b>ART</b> • Create a design of your dream home through either a drawing, painting or collage.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is your first impression of Mr Gupta? Did it change after you finished the chapter?</li> <li>Why does Ajay want to become a journalist?</li> <li>Why does Ajay lie about his age?</li> </ul>	<p>Write about what you want to be when you grow up. If you're not sure, write about what you might want from your dream job.</p> <p>Draw a graph showing Ajay's changing emotions in this chapter.</p>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does Ajay find?</li> <li>What does the man mean by 'I'm getting sentimental'?</li> </ul>	Make three predictions based on this chapter.	<b>HISTORY</b> • Research the history of the printing press.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is Saif?</li> <li>Why does Saif repeat 'hurry up'?</li> <li>What is Ajay's plan?</li> </ul>		



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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the three things (according to Ajay) every newspaper needs?</li> <li>• Where does Yasmin work?</li> <li>• How did she and Ajay meet?</li> </ul>	<p>Write a description of your dream home.</p>	<p><b>DESIGN &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b> • Design a T-shirt for a friend or member of your family. Think about their personality and the kind of thing they like to wear - what sort of design would you create for them?</p>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did Saif, Vinod and Yasmin help to create the newspaper?</li> <li>• Why do you think Yasmin's design is 'a sunburst and a scrolled interlocking pattern of trains and arches'?</li> </ul>	<p>Think about creating your own newspaper or magazine: what would you call it? What would be the sections you would have in it? What would be its focus? What would the title look like?</p>	<p><b>ART</b> • Create your own design for a newspaper masthead.</p>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does Ajay distract the men beating up the old man?</li> <li>• What is on the notice the men are taking off the tree before anyone else can read it?</li> </ul>		<p><b>PHILOSOPHY</b> • What do you think the role of newspapers should be in society? Why is investigative journalism so important? Discuss as a class.</p>

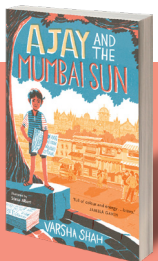


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12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What colour is the newspaper? Why?</li> <li>• What is the ink made from?</li> </ul>		<p><b>PHILOSOPHY</b> • Ajay says ‘The pen – and print – is mightier than the sword.’ What do you think this means? Do you think words can change the world?</p>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does Ajay feel when people don’t buy his newspaper?</li> <li>• Which sport (according to the team) do people in India care about more than anything else?</li> <li>• Can you spot the three cricket puns used by Ajay?</li> </ul>	<p>Imagine lottery funding is going to be given to one sport at your school. Write an argument about why your favourite sport should be the one that is funded. Present your arguments (and debate if necessary!).</p>	<p><b>HISTORY</b> • Research the history of cricket. What are the rules? Why do you think it is so popular all over the world?</p> <p><b>P.E.</b> • Split into two teams and play a game of cricket yourselves!</p>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your first impression of Jai?</li> <li>• What does ‘cynical’ mean?</li> <li>• How does Ajay convince Jai to join the <i>The Mumbai Sun</i>?</li> <li>• Ajay says that ‘A sportsman has power both on the pitch and off it.’ Do you agree?</li> </ul>	<p>Write a newspaper article about your favourite sportsperson.</p>	<p><b>P.E.</b> • Research your favourite sportsperson and create a fact file for them.</p>

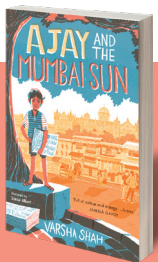


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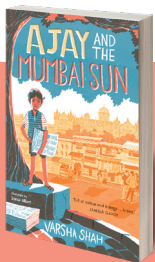
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is Mrs Shania?</li> <li>Do you trust her? Find quotes to back up your answer.</li> <li>Who is Mr Z?</li> </ul>		
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What information does the team find out about Mr Z?</li> <li>What dish does Vinod make to celebrate his birthday?</li> </ul>	Write an article for the food pages of a newspaper or magazine - it could be a restaurant review, a recipe page, or an article about the history of your favourite food.	Try some Indian food or snacks - you could even arrange a visit to a local restaurant!
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the man in the baseball cap?</li> <li>Why did Mr Gir say none of the workers were children? Why did the other man ask him that?</li> <li>What does 'sceptically' mean?</li> </ul>	Write a newspaper article about your favourite sportsperson.	<b>GEOGRAPHY/CULTURE •</b> Research child labour, and the conditions that many people work in, around the world. Look at some of your favourite brands - do they ensure that the workers making and distributing their products are treated well?



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18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is pathetic fallacy and how is it used in this chapter?</li> <li>What kind of atmosphere is created by the monsoon rain? How does it make you feel?</li> </ul>		<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> • Research India's climate. How is it different to England's? How do the seasons differ?
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has happened as a result of the article that Ajay has written?</li> <li>What is Yasmin going to do next?</li> </ul>	Map out the emotions of Ajay and Yasmin in this chapter.	
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does Niresh comfort Ajay?</li> <li>How does Ajay feel in this chapter? Use examples from the text to support your answer.</li> </ul>	Rewrite this chapter from Niresh's perspective.	
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does Ajay find Yasmin?</li> <li>Which sentences do you think make this chapter exciting or scary to read?</li> </ul>		<b>MUSIC</b> • Create a piece of music to accompany this chapter. How does the chapter make you feel? How can you convey this through music?
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has happened to Mr Gir?</li> <li>What promise does Ajay make to Yasmin?</li> </ul>		

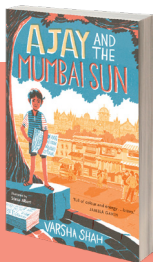


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23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Saif driving?</li> <li>How does the team escape?</li> </ul>	Draw a comic strip based on this scene.	
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where is Ajay in this chapter?</li> <li>Who does he remember?</li> <li>What monument does he go to see?</li> </ul>	Write a travel article describing some of the sights in Mumbai.	
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does Ajay feel in this chapter?</li> <li>Why does Mrs Shania 'roll her eyes upwards for effect, as if she was looking for a sign from heaven'? What do you infer from this?</li> </ul>	Create a map of Ajay's emotions in this chapter.	Learn about Grenfell Tower fire.
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who does Mr S.O.S. turn out to be? Is he how you pictured him?</li> </ul>		
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What information does Mr S.O.S.'s grandmother give Ajay?</li> <li>What does Ajay mean by 'follow the money'?</li> </ul>		<b>PHILOSOPHY</b> • What do you think makes a hero? Who has been heroic in the story so far? Who is a hero to you? Discuss as a class.

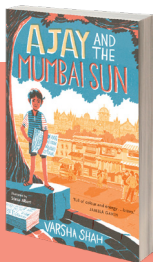




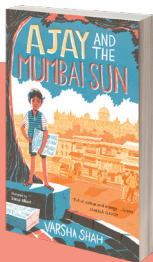
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28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where is Yasmin?</li> <li>• What is Yasmin's dream?</li> <li>• What do Yasmin and Ajay find in the envelopes?</li> <li>• Who are Block Surveyors?</li> <li>• What does Ajay need from them to bring the truth to light?</li> </ul>	<p>Write an article about your favourite piece of art. Why is it your favourite? How does it make you feel?</p>	
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the surveyor's reasons for not speaking up?</li> <li>• Why does Ajay call him a coward?</li> </ul>		<p><b>HISTORY</b> • Research the speeches of Martin Luther King. What were his messages?</p>
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the motto of <i>The Mumbai Sun</i>? Do you think this is a good motto? If so, why?</li> <li>• Ajay says, 'what was the point of dreaming when every dream came to nothing'. Do you agree with this? Think about this question again at the end of the novel!</li> </ul>		
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What special skill do all the railway kids have?</li> <li>• Why does Jai joke about a movie franchise called 'The Punctuals'?</li> <li>• Why does Ajay return the money he owes Mr Raz?</li> <li>• What does 'dappled' mean?</li> <li>• Why does Ajay feel deflated after speaking to Mr Raz?</li> </ul>		



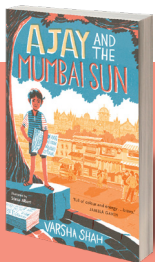
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32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the Headmaster test Jai?</li> <li>• What is agreed at the end of the chapter?</li> </ul>		<b>ART</b> • Draw the Headmaster based on the description given in the story.
33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is Vinod upset?</li> <li>• Why does Jai become angry?</li> </ul>		<b>PSHE</b> • What qualities do you look for in friends? What do you think makes a good friend? Create a mind map of what you think are the most important qualities.
34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does Ajay feel in this chapter? Give examples from the text to support your answer.</li> <li>• What makes Ajay feel like ‘he had been looking through a telescope the wrong way round his entire life’?</li> </ul>		
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is there a ‘sense of brooding fear’? How is this shown in the text?</li> <li>• Why does Jai forgive his friends?</li> <li>• What bet does Ajay make with Bharat?</li> </ul>		



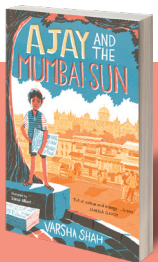
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36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do Ajay and Saif get past the receptionist at the law firm?</li> </ul>	Write a description of, and draw, the building of the law firm. Why are settings in stories so important?	
37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs Pain's voice is described as 'low and musical'. What initial impression does this give you? What do you infer about her character?</li> <li>After finishing the chapter, what do you think of Mrs Pain?</li> <li>What is a bollygarch?</li> <li>What do you think makes a good villain?</li> </ul>		
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What three things does Ajay notice about Mrs Pain's office?</li> <li>What impression do you get of Mrs Pain based on her office?</li> </ul>		<b>SCIENCE</b> • Research bonsai trees and create a diagram labelling their different parts and specific characteristics.
39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What kind of pet does Mrs Pain have?</li> <li>Why are Mrs Pain and Mr Z responsible for Mr Gir's death?</li> </ul>	Create a comic strip based on this chapter.	
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What information do the team find out from the file?</li> </ul>		<b>POLITICS</b> • Learn about shell companies. What are they? Why are they called 'shell' companies?



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41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you think Ajay feels based on the first paragraph? To what effect is descriptive language used here?</li> <li>• What does 'owl-eyed' mean?</li> </ul>		
42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does Ajay feel his 'heart tear in two' in this chapter?</li> <li>• What does 'pinioned' mean?</li> <li>• What do you think is going to happen next?</li> </ul>		
43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Ajay's plan?</li> <li>• What was 'the final straw'?</li> </ul>		
44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does Ajay think it's his fault? Why doesn't he believe his friends when they disagree with him?</li> <li>• What does Ajay find in the file that Lata gives him which wasn't in the original file?</li> <li>• What does 'no honour among thieves' mean?</li> </ul>	Write your predictions for the next part of the story.	
45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>'Mrs Shania was holding the mic, her sapphire earrings catching the light like chips of blue ice.'</i> What feeling does this sentence evoke in the reader?</li> <li>• Why doesn't Mr Gupta smile back at Mrs Shania?</li> <li>• Did you expect the twist? If so, why?</li> </ul>		



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46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does Ajay describe Mr Raz?</li> <li>Why does Mr Raz consider himself a good person?</li> </ul>		<b>PHILOSOPHY</b> • Do you think people always who they seem? How important is a first impression?
47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does the crowd feel?</li> <li>What does the phrase 'incandescent with rage' mean?</li> <li>How does everyone come together to defeat Mr Raz and Mrs Pain?</li> </ul>		
48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What job does Mr Gupta offer Ajay?</li> <li>Why does Ajay hesitate in accepting the offer?</li> <li>Who is 'The Canary'?</li> </ul>	Write your predictions for the next part of the story.	<b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b> • What are your favourite flavours of ice-cream or sorbet? Write your own recipe for an ice-cream dish.
49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why does Ajay have to join the cricket team? How does he feel about having to play? Use examples from the text to support your answer.</li> </ul>	Write a journalistic article about a sports match (one that you have participated in, or describing one that you have seen).	<b>P.E.</b> • What do you think makes a good sportsperson?



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50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What thought does Ajay have that gives him confidence?</li> <li>• Why does the author use the term 'wolfish' to describe Bharat's grin?</li> </ul>		
51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before reading the chapter, who do you think will win the game? What makes you think this?</li> <li>• What does 'LBW' mean?</li> <li>• Who wins the match?</li> </ul>		
52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does Ajay cut off Bharat before he can say anything else?</li> <li>• Did you expect Ajay to take Mr Gupta's offer? Why? Why not?</li> <li>• According to Mr Gupta, why do people like Mr Gupta and Ajay become journalists?</li> </ul>	<p>In groups, create your own newspaper. Try to make it unique, and make sure it doesn't punch down.</p> <p>Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does it tell the truth? (No making up facts!)</li> <li>2. What sections should it have?</li> <li>3. Are the articles interesting and well-researched?</li> </ol>	<p><b>ENGLISH</b> • Write a review for <i>Ajay and the Mumbai Sun</i>.</p> <p>Think about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did you like the book?</li> <li>• Do you think the cover matches the story? Would you design it differently?</li> <li>• What were your favourite parts of the book?</li> <li>• Who was your favourite character?</li> </ul>

