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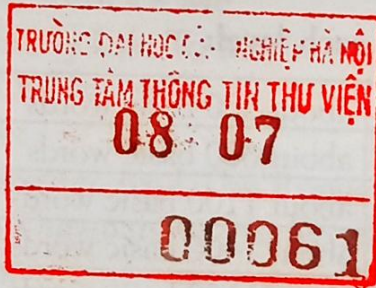
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**Vocabulary**

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## The People in This Story

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John Harmon



Bella Wilfer



Jesse Hexam    Rogue Riderhood



Mortimer Lightwood    Eugene Wrayburn





Charley Hexam      Bradley Headstone



Noddy Boffin      Mrs Boffin



Jenny Wren



Lizzie Hexam

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