

## What's your problem? (Reading Room)

**Chapter 1:** What were Jaspal's first impressions of the locals from the village?

Where did he long to be? Why?

What was the content of the letter his father received?

**Chapter 2:** Describe Jaspal's first ride on the school bus. What happened?

How was he introduced to his new school?

**Chapter 3:** What happened on Jaspal's way home from school?

How did his parents react?

**Chapter 4:** Why couldn't Jaspal concentrate on his second day of school?

Who came into the shop later that day?

What was their warning?

**Chapter 5:** How did Jaspal and his family experience racial abuse from the locals in the village?

How did it influence their family life?

**Chapter 6:** Describe Jaspal's reflections on his own reactions to the abuse.

**Chapter 7:** Why was Jaspal suspended from school?

Who could have helped him tackle the situation otherwise?

**Chapter 8:** Describe the conflict between Jaspal and his father.

**Chapter 9:** What happened to the family in the end?

### After reading:

How would you have felt, if you were Jaspal or his best friend? Describe your reactions.

Have you heard of similar examples of racial abuse through the media?

Try to analyse and discuss some of the reasons for this with your classmates.