

Name _____ Date _____

Mixed feelings

"I think about ballet all the time."

"He thinks it's cool."

"Some of the boys laugh at me."

"I feel stupid."



These are some of the things Billy says about doing ballet. He has very **mixed feelings** about it.

Read the chapter 'Billy: Do the Spin' again and look for evidence to answer these questions. Write your answers on a separate sheet.

How often does Billy think about ballet?

Why does Billy want to hide the ballet shoes from his Dad and brother Tony?

What do the other boys at school think?

How is Billy's friend Michael different?

How good does Billy think he is at ballet?

How does ballet help Billy to cope with his difficult life?

Who do you think Billy can expect will support him?

What would you say to Billy if you were a friend of his and he told you about his dreams of becoming a ballet dancer?