

DAWSON'S CREEK™:

Shifting into Overdrive

A Before Reading

- 1 What do you think the title, *Shifting Into Overdrive*, means? You can use a dictionary if you want to.
- 2 Look at the pictures on the cover. Then read about *The People in This Story* on pages 6 and 7. Here are the four main characters and four descriptions. Match the characters to the descriptions.



Age: 15
 (i) Hair: long, dark brown
 Eyes: brown

Age: 16
 (ii) Hair: dark brown
 Eyes: brown

Age: 15
 (iii) Hair: blond
 Eyes: blue

Age: 15
 (iv) Hair: blond
 Eyes: light brown

B While Reading

- 3 Read Chapter 1 and answer True (✓) or False (✗) **True** **False**

- a Dawson and Joey are best friends.
- b Jen is Dawson's girlfriend.
- c Joey is Dawson's girlfriend.
- d Joey wants Dawson to be her boyfriend.
- e Dawson wants Joey to be his girlfriend.

- 4 Read Chapter 2. Make a guess. What is Abby Morgan going to do?

5 Read to the end of Chapter 4. You are each of these characters. Give “your” chapter a special, new name.

a Pacey



Chapter 2

This chapter is called

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b Joey



Chapter 3

This chapter is called

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c Dawson



Chapter 4

This chapter is called

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6 Read to the end of Chapter 7.

Either

a Write a short conversation between Aunt Grace and Uncle William about their niece, Jennifer and her friend, Joelle.

Or

b Write a short conversation between Courtney and Miranda about Courtney’s cousin, Jen and her friend, Joelle.

7 Read to the end of Chapter 8. Make a guess. What will happen when Pacey gets home?

C After Reading

8 You are a guest at Courtney’s Sweet Sixteen birthday party. Write a description of the party. Do you like Jen and Joey, or do you dislike them?

9 Courtney is an American and she has a ‘Sweet Sixteen’ birthday party. Do you have a special celebration in your country when you have an important birthday? Describe your kind of teenage celebration.

10 The day after the end of this story, Mr Leery and Chief Police Officer Witter meet on the main street in Capeside. Write their conversation.