

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 |
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| a Dawson and Joey are best friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b Jen is Dawson's girlfriend. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c Joey is Dawson's girlfriend. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d Joey wants Dawson to be her boyfriend. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e Dawson wants Joey to be his girlfriend. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 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 neice, 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.