

# Blood Kind: An ESL Easy-Read

## Chapter by chapter discussion questions

- Here are some chapter-by-chapter questions to ask your friends or your book club.
- You could ask one person to describe ‘what happened in this chapter’, before you start the discussion.

### Chapter 1:

- Who is the ‘narrator’ (the person telling the story)? What are your feelings about him? Would you like him as a friend?
- Does he have a positive attitude to life, or not? What makes you think that?

### Chapter 2:

- What kind of friends does Ben (or ‘Josh’) have?
- Why does Ben want to leave the hospital before talking to the police? Is that a good idea?

### Chapter 3:

- Do you think that ‘Roger Fabian Olliton’ is a real name? Why do people need fake passports – what good reasons or bad reasons could they have?
- What does Ben do that is ‘out of character’? Have you ever done something ‘out of character’? How did you feel?

### Chapter 4:

- Gabi tells Ben about helping ‘street kids’. How do you feel about her? How does Ben feel (there’s probably more than one answer here!!)?
- Do you think the knock on Ben’s head has affected his brain? Or is it something else?

### **Chapter 5:**

- What have you found out about Ben's background? Does it explain his personality?
- What do you think about the nurse's story? Would you believe that? Why or why not?

### **Chapter 6:**

- What else does Ben do that's 'out of character'? How is he changing?
- What does the doctor think about Ben? Do you think he's right?
- What do you think Gabi is doing?

### **Chapter 7:**

- Do you agree that the world needs more kindness? Is it fair to make people kind without their consent?
- Is it true that Ben's customers are no worse than Gabi? After all, she's using fake ID...

### **Chapter 8:**

- How does Sam react when Ben explains his problem? Would you react the same way?
- What do you think about Mr K? Is he really a good boss, or not?
- What would you do if you saw a runaway stroller, with a baby inside?

### **Chapter 9:**

- Is Ben brave, or is he just doing 'the right thing'? What more do you know about him now, that you didn't know before?
- Why is the water full of blood? What has happened?

### **Chapter 10:**

- Do you think the blood is really affecting Ben, or is it 'all in his mind'?
- Ben's latest passport didn't work. What sort of trouble is he in? What can he do now?

### **Chapter 11:**

- Why doesn't Ben want to be famous? Would you trust Mr Grey Suit, If you were Ben?
- Mr Grey Suit doesn't know about Mr K – so why does he give Ben a security guard, do you think?

### **Chapter 12:**

- Why does Daniel, the security guard, say 'Wow'? Is it for the reason Ben expected?
- Why is Ben's message to Gabi 'careful'? Will he be OK? Will she?

### **Chapter 13:**

- How does Ben escape? Do you think he was lucky, or clever?
- Ben is still using a fake passport. Has he really changed? Is he going to live the rest of his life in the old way, or in a new way?

### **Chapter 14:**

- This was the final chapter. What do you think about the ending of the story?
- What are your thoughts about Ben now? Is he really living a better life?
- This story is fiction, but could it be true?

