

# Miss Peregrine and the Peculiar Children

## Teacher's Notes **A2**

Tim Burton's new film, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, would fit well into a theme on Halloween. It has scary monsters, a gothic manor house with lots of strange goings-on, and great costumes.

This A2-level article will enable your pupils to discover the story.

### Vocabulary and structures

■ Developing writing skills by expanding vocabulary use of adjectives to convey a story.

■ Modal of capacity/competence

### Note

■ If any of your pupils have read the book in French, they may be a little confused as the central character Emma in the book has the capacity to summon up fire. Tim Burton and the scriptwriter Jane Goldman exchanged Emma's and Olive's peculiarities as they felt there were more visual possibilities with the power to control air.

### Interaction

The large photo on the first page will allow you to start introducing sentences using *can*, and the idea of peculiarities. It's worth coming back to it at the end to recap what pupils have learned about the characters.

### Reading + writing + interaction

■ **Activity A** helps the pupils with the main ideas of the article with multiple-choice questions. These require careful attention, as there are sometimes two or three correct answers. These can help pupils respond and justify their answers orally when correcting collectively.

■ **Activity B** enables the pupils to check their use of the modal CAN.

■ **Activity C** is lexical and encourages

pupils to diversify their use of descriptive adjectives.

### Writing + interaction

■ This can be an opportunity to have pupils write a short article about an upcoming movie they would like to see (having seen a trailer at home or in class) or a movie that they enjoyed watching and would like to advertise to the other pupils. The pupils can either share what they wrote with their neighbours or put the articles into posters for more pupils to read.

### Going Further

■ See our website for a longer article about the film and our Webpicks with videos from and about the film.

■ <http://www.speakeasy-news.com/tim-burton-gloriously-peculiar/>

■ <http://www.speakeasy-news.com/miss-peregrines-peculiar-webpicks/>

### Solutions

#### A. Multiple Choice Quiz

1. b 2. c 3. a/b 4. b/c 5. a/b/c 6. b 7. b/c 8. a/b 9. a/b/c 10. c

#### B. CAN or CAN'T

1. can 2. can't 3. can 4. can 5. can't/can 6. can 7. can/can 8. can't/can

#### C. Descriptive adjectives

1. e 2. l 3. a 4. h 5. k 6. b 7. g 8. i 9. j 10. c 11. d 12. f