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From Boy: Tales of Childhood

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1. Describe the author's first vivid memory of his school days.
2. Why do you think Dr. Thwaites' tells his son the story about licorice bootlaces?
3. Think of a place that is very important to you. What characteristics make this place special to you?
4. Visualize Mrs. Pratchett. List adjectives that helped you visualize her.
5. How do the boys feel about Mrs. Pratchett? Why do they feel this way?
6. "But by far the most loathsome thing about Mrs. Pratchett was the filth that clung around her." (539). Define loathsome.
7. What do the boys do to "get back at" Mrs. Pratchett?
8. Why do you think the narrator agrees to carry the dead mouse and put it in the candy jar?
9. "We were strutting a little as we entered the shop." (541). The denotation of strutting is it is a specific way of walking.  
What is the connotation of the word strutting? What feeling does the word convey?

10. What conclusion does Thwaites draw about what happened to Mrs. Pratchett?

11. First, the narrator felt daring and smart when plotting this prank. How does he feel now? (Page 543).

12. Describe the consequence of the prank for the boys.

13. In your opinion, when does a prank go too far to be acceptable? Explain.