**M6 Collection of aspects describing the main protagonists in the novel “Jerry“**

**Ben Reckord**

* 14 years old and in year ten at school
* lives in a nice house with his parents who work for the COMPANY
* at the beginning of the novel he has Jerry (the app) as his friend, but later he is getting more and more critical and finally shuts Jerry up (puts him into the freezer) and doing so finally frees himself from Jerry when he throws the phone away (cf. p. 91)
* self-confident and sometimes rebellious, he sprays graffiti at his school and therefore risks to be punished for this illegal action; he does not accept his parents’ rules when he leaves the house
* clever and intelligent: having recognized that the GROUP does the right thing he has good ideas how to help, manages to crack his dad’s password
* trustworthy/helpful/supportive/reliable: he tells the GROUP that he wants to help and does so (cf. pp. 68-69)
* his relationship to his parents is not trustful and not close: he does not confide in them, later he does not trust them; he is cross with his parents when they make him go to the COMPANY’s launch, later he is annoyed and angry when he find out that his parents spied on him, he wants them to understand that a phone is not important for a child but parents who trust their child are (cf. p. 91)
* Ben likes Paige very much

**Paige Caldwell**

* outward appearance: bright green eyes, a small serious mouth – wearing two silver skulls dangling from her ears and a ring in her bottom lip (p. 41)
* a new member of the GROUP
* creative: can do magic tricks
* clever/smart: she has a clever idea how to divert the guard’s attention (cf. p.14)
* careful: she takes the SIM card out of her phone before she enters the Shack (cf. 12)
* what others think of her: The Mouth says she is “cool” (p. 14), the girls of the GROUP are suspicious at the beginning and think she could be a spy (cf. 12 and 13), but later attracts their attention when she comes up with her idea of the diversion (cf. p.14)
* has a close relationship to her mother (cf. pp. 64-65 and p. 83 and pp. 91-92)
* does skateboarding (cf. 41)
* hasn’t got much money (cf. p.41)
* she tells Ben that she does not go to school regularly (cf. 43)
* independent: she does not care about what others think of her and is self-confident: she is critical towards young people who always look at their phones; she wants to fight against the control and influence of the COMPANY’s products and explains her opinion on that to Ben (cf. p.44)
* her privacy is very important for her but she trusts Ben when she tells him that she is a member on the GROUP (cf. p. 45)

**Trixie**

* first suspicious of Paige
* clever/sly: changes her outfit, does not tell Mr Sykes where the GROUP meets, uses a fake name (CALYPSO), even after Ying has seen her she manages to convince the GROUP that she acts in the interest of the group, she is clever enough not to take the risk of being caught by the police
* dishonest: lies to the rest of the GROUP, she pretends to fight for the group; it turns out that she is a spying for the COMPANY
* greedy: is more interested in the money she gets from the COMPANY than in the GROUP’s interest
* selfish/egoistic: only thinks of herself but not the GROUP/thinks of her own advantage

**Jetta (Loretta Young)**

* 16 years old
* thoughtful/ cautious/careful: she thinks before she acts (cf. pp. 29-30 and pp. 52-53); at the end she makes sure that the police cannot find any evidence against the GROUP by removing all traces from the computer; she is very careful when talking to the journalists at the end and warns the others to be careful, is also careful when Ben’s comes to the shack (cf. 67)
* smart/intelligent/clever: she is very good at computing and the “brain of the GROUP”, she finally hacks the COMPANY’s computer system (cf. pp. 76-77), “the tech wizard in the GROUP” as Trixie describes her (p.56), won a the “Discovery Technology Prize” (p. 69)
* serious/interested/concentrated: she reminds the members of the GROUP that they have “work to do” (p. 14)
* courageous: she takes the risk of being found by the police when she hides in the storeroom of the Shack at the end
* she likes healthy food (cf. p. 70)

**The Mouth (Farooq Sial)**

* 17 years old and the leader of the GROUP and somehow bossy as he gives orders and makes decisions without asking the others (cf. pp. 10-11)
* what he thinks of others: he brings Paige to the GROUP introduces her as a cool girl and he praises her ideas; thinks of Jetta as a smart girl (cf. p. 69 and p. 77), appreciates Knuckle’s talents and finds the right jobs for him (cf. pp. 69-70)

**Knuckles (Paul Lynch)**

* 15 years old, looks big for his age, strong, has a body of a weightlifter (cf. p.10)
* was kicked out of school because of violent behaviour
* obviously not very smart as he is sometimes a bit slow with understanding
* as he admires Ben’s posh house he obviously lives in a different place
* loyal/ reliable and a good pal, he feels proud of being a member of the GROUP and does what the Mouth tells him to do

**Mrs Reckord**

* like her husband works for the company
* strict when she grounds Ben for having done the spraying
* worried when Ben is gone
* stressed (cf. p.28)
* suspicious: she does not trust her son and therefore spies on him using the app *Perfect Pal Plus*
* she does not really understand her son: at the and she thinks she can fix everything with a family holiday on Ibiza, she cannot admit that she made a mistake when Ben confronts her with the truth (cf. p. 91)

**Mrs Caldwell (cf. pp. 64- 65 and pp. 91-92)**

* relaxed/easy-going
* friendly and warm-hearted
* liberal/ open-minded
* she trusts her daughter: does not want to spy on her and thinks what her daughter does is ok