

Harry Potter 1 (Chs.1-4): Presentation: Graham Law

1) Purple Passage – dream states / strange eyes in Ch. 1 p. 12

What wouldn't he [Harry Potter] give now for a message from Hogwarts? From any witch or wizard? He'd almost be glad of a **sight** of his arch-enemy, Draco Malfoy, just to be sure it hadn't all been a **dream** . . .

Not that his whole year at Hogwarts had been fun. At the very end of last term, Harry had come **face-to-face** with none other than Lord Voldemort himself. Voldemort might be a ruin of his former self, but he was still terrifying, still cunning, still determined to regain power. Harry had slipped through Voldemort's clutches for a second time, but it had been a narrow escape, and even now, weeks later, Harry kept **waking in the night, drenched in cold sweat**, wondering where Voldemort was now, remembering his livid face, **his wide, mad eyes** . . .

Harry suddenly sat bolt upright on the garden bench. He had been **staring absent-mindedly** into the hedge — **and the hedge was staring back**. **Two enormous green eyes** had appeared among the leaves.

2) Muggle and Wizard world-views

= Muggle ignorance about/imitation of magical world

cf. garden gnomes in Ch. 3 pp. 32-3

- In a typical muggle garden –

* “like fat little Father Christmases with fishing rods”

- In the Weasleys' (wizard) garden –

* “small and leathery looking, with a large, knobbly, bald head exactly like a potato”

BUT Mr Weasley's ignorance of/fascination with muggle science and technology

cf. travelling in London, Ch. 4 p. 40

- Harry: ‘I went on the Underground – ’

- Mr Weasley: ‘Really? . . . Were there *escapators*? ...’



3) Slangage - Hagrid in Ch. 4 pp. 45-6

A. “**dodgy**”: “Knockturn Alley ... dodgy place”

= 1960s youth slang swinging/dodgy

OED: Norman Vaughan in *T.V. World* 24 Sept. 1964 “When people ask me how I feel about the months ahead, I tell them: ‘Sometimes it’s a bit dodgy, but most of the time it’s swinging!’”

B. “**ruddy**”: “ruddy muggles” or “I should ruddy well think not”

= swear word, often used as a milder, more socially acceptable version of “bloody”

OED: bloody *adj.*10. a. In foul language, a vague epithet expressing anger, resentment, detestation; but often a mere intensive, *esp.* with a negative, as “not a bloody *one*”.