**Discussion ideas for …**

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* We learn a lot about Budi’s life in the first few chapters. Things like how he lives, works, his community, his health and his diet. Discuss some or all of these and what you think it would be like to be Budi.
* Discuss the Foreman’s reaction to Budi’s accident in the chapter, “All Shook Up” (pages 68-76). Why do you think he reacted like this?
* In the chapter, “If I Can Dream” (pages 166-184), why do you think the Foreman appeared to be kinder?
* Do you think Budi had a choice when he was asked to steal the boots? What would have been your reaction?
* Compare what the Groundsman at the Football Academy told Budi, (“If I Can Dream”, pages 164-184) with what Rochy and Budi’s Mum told him in the chapter, (“When it Rains”, pages 185-220). How do you think this affected Budi’s dreams, thoughts and actions?
* If you were Budi, what would you have done with the Dragon’s money? Did Budi make the right choice? Don’t forget to think about the reasons for your answer.