

# Fake

## Before reading

### Activity 1 – Title

- Look at the title of the book.
- In pairs, guess what the book is about.
- Write down your idea(s).
- Split up and find new partners – groups of four.
- Take turns and share your idea(s).

### Activity 2 – Content

- Look at the contents (page 5).
- Try to tell the story of the book using the titles of the chapters.

### Activity 3 – Mindmap

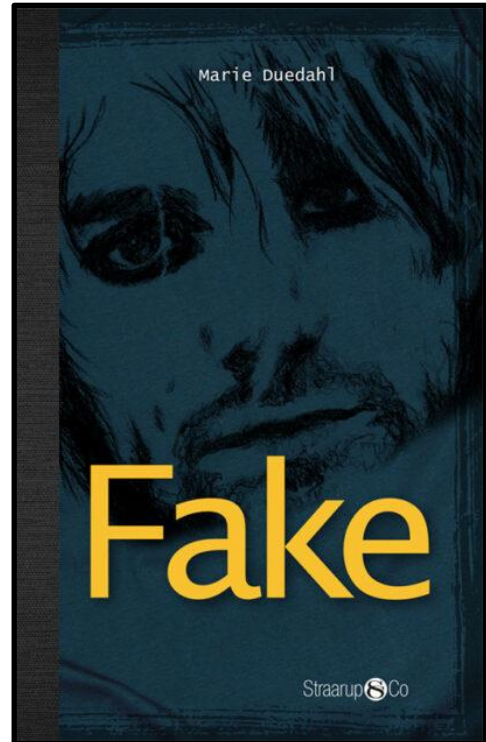
- In groups of three, make a mindmap about the word “Fake”.
- Present your list to one/two groups.

## While reading

### Activity 1 – Main character

What information do you get about the main character, Nora?

- Collect information from the story and write a profile of Nora.
- Compare your lists in class.



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## Activity 2 – Cold as ice

On page 13-15, Nora describes her parents.

- a. In pairs, write down how Nora sees her parents.
- b. Talk about why Nora does not want to wear the dress her mother gave her.
- c. How would you describe your parents? Are they like Nora's or different?

## Activity 3 – Fresh air

On page 25, Nora leaves the party celebrating her cousin's confirmation

- a. In pairs, explain why Nora leaves the party.
- b. Make a list of what you can small talk about to a party.
- c. Compare your lists in groups of four.
- d. Do you like to small talk with people?

## Activity 4 – Be a man

On page 35-36, Uncle Hugo is giving a speech to his son's confirmation.

- a. What is Uncle Hugo's speech about?
- b. In pairs, explain the phrase *"I will make a man out of you."*
- c. How does Uncle Hugo mean a man should be like?

## Activity 5 – Bruises and truth

On page 47, Nora are showing all the adult to the party a picture of her cousin, Isaac, without a T-shirt.

- a. What does the picture show?
- b. In pairs, explain the reason why Nora is showing the picture at the party.
- c. Write a list where you comment on how a parent should treat a child.

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## Activity 6 – Becoming a grownup

On page 54, Nora says, *“It makes me sick. The thought of growing up. To become like you. But actually, I look forward to it as well”*.

- a. In pairs, discuss the following questions.
  - What does Nora think about becoming an adult?
  - How does Nora feel about the grownups in her family on page 54?
  - What would you have done if Isaac came to you for help?

## After reading

### Activity 1 – Keywords

- a. Write five keywords from the book.
- b. Share your keywords in groups of four and explain your choice.

### Activity 2 – Fake

The title of the book is “Fake”.

- a. In pairs, explain why you think the book’s title is “Fake.”
- b. Write a list of how the grownups in the story are fake.
- c. Can you understand why Nora is sick of the adults in the book?

### Activity 3 – Expressions

In the book there are the following expressions:

- *“In the car over, the silence chilled my bones”* (page 13)
- *“Today, I am the one she freezes out”* (page 14)
- *“Then Mum interrupts with her plastic laughter”* (page 18)
- *“And so what, if I were into girls?”* (page 19)

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- *“And I will not play along anymore”* (page 27)
- *“I have a small part to play myself”* (page 39)

a. In pairs, explain the meaning of the sentences.

## Activity 4 – The cover

The cover of the book shows the famous musician Kurt Cobain.

- a. In pairs, explain Kurt Cobain’s role in the story.

## Activity 5 – What happens next?

- a. What will happen to Isaac and Nora after they leave the confirmation?
- b. Will Isaac get into more troubles with his dad?
- c. Will Isaac and Nora forgive their parents?
- d. Will Isaac and Nora become like their parents?

In pairs: Walk and talk – take a walk and talk you way into Isaac’s and Nora’s future.

Or,

In groups: You can do your own new ending by doing storytelling. Take turns – one student says one sentence and the next student takes over and so forth – make the story up as you talk.