**M7 Character portray of Ben Reckord**

In the novel “Jerry” written by Laurence Harger and Cecil Rossant, Ben is one the main protagonist. He is 14 years old, tall and slim and most of the time he wears faded T-shirts and loose trousers. His parents are Melanie and Steve who both work for the COMPANY, his father as a software writer and his mother as a lawyer. With his parents he lives in a posh house with a gym, a home cinema and security cameras. Ben is a good student in year 10 and he likes music that is loud with a good fast beat and he was once a good skateboarder (cf. p. 19, p. 26 and p. 41, ll. 19-20).

At the beginning of the novel his best friend is Jerry who is an app on his phone and Ben enjoys Jerry’s help (cf. p. 43, pp. 29-31). Obviously, he is not worried about the fact that Jerry seems to know everything about him and he is also not worried about telling him everything. Sometimes he acts as if Jerry was a real person. When he meets Paige, his attitude begins to change because he finds out about how his parents are checking on his activities. He is surprised and also disappointed that they are spying on him.

His relationship to his parents is not trustful and close. By spraying the school wall he rebels against rules and he does not accept his parents’ restrictions. He and his parents have memories of good times together (cf. p. 79, ll. 27-29) but when he is grounded he feels angry and complains about how they treat him (cf. p. 9, l. 4 and l. 21, cf. p. 15, ll. 26-27 and ll. 16-17)). The distance between parents and son is gradually becoming larger when Ben meets Paige and the GROUP. Bit by bit he sees Jerry more and more critical and finally gets rid of him. Because he can see that the GROUP is fighting for the right thing he becomes a member of the GROUP and supports them with destroying the COMPANY’s influence. When becoming aware of his parents’ role he sees their work, their behaviour and attitudes more and more critically and is disappointed (cf. p. 48). Moreover, Ben is very self-confident and at the end he confronts his parents with what they have done to him when using Jerry to check on him (cf.p.91).

In his relationship with Paige and the members of the GROUP Ben can be described as a loyal and reliable pal. He cannot only prove how clever and courageous he is when he cracks his dad’s password on his computer to help the GROUP in their fight against the COMPANY but he can also show how trustworthy and he is (cf. p. 46, l.27). In addition to that, he can win Paige as a close friend in the end.