Although some people might argue that Bruno, the main character in *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, is an example of human kindness, he is unable to maintain his sense of compassion when frightened. Near the end of the book, a nine-year old German boy named Bruno sneaks into a concentration camp to help Shmuel, an imprisoned Jewish boy, look for his missing father. Anyone in their right mind would be terrified to enter a concentration camp, yet Bruno was willing to do so to help his friend, so some might view this as evidence of compassion. However, Bruno does not really understand what is on Shmuel’s side of the fence. When Bruno and Shmuel first makes their plan to search for Shmuel’s father, Bruno “imagined a great adventure ahead and finally an opportunity to see what was really on the other side of the fence before he went back to Berlin—not to mention getting in a little serious exploration as well” (199). If Bruno thinks sneaking into the concentration camp will be a chance to explore then he clearly doesn’t know what is happening to the Jew’s . Consequently he has no reason to be afraid. Had he known enough to be afraid, he might not have been willing to help Shmuel look for his father. For instance, when Bruno finally did start to feel scared, he wants to go home and end the hunt for Shmuel’s father. After Bruno and Shmuel search for a little while, some whistles blow and Bruno and Shmuel get caught up in group of people being forced to march towards some unknown destination. When they hear gunshots and it starts to rain Bruno says, “I’m going to catch a cold out here. I have to go home” (211). Bruno was only willing to stay to help his friend as long as it was a fun adventure. He is no longer willing to be compassionate once the “adventure” becomes difficult and frightening. The only reason Bruno doesn’t abandon Shmuel at that point in the story is because he cannot. By the time he tries to leave, the boys have already been locked in a gas chamber. Bruno’s words in the concentration camp reveals that even he was unable to maintain his sense of compassion once he became afraid, indicating that deep down people are selfish creatures willing to do anything to survive.

*There are several proofreading errors. I want you to specifically find errors in subject verb agreement, pronoun antecedent agreement, consistent verb tense, commas and apostrophes.*