

# Holiday Challenge: Reading

## '6 Challenges for 6 days'

### Answers

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**Reading Week One: ANSWERS**

Qu.	Answer												
1	Award one mark for either: March, April or May												
2	Award one mark each for correct references to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William referring to their father as 'old misery guts'</li> <li>• Father is 'on the warpath <b>again</b>' ('again' suggests that this is a frequent occurrence)</li> </ul>												
3	Award one mark for: legacy <i>Also award a mark for monument.</i>												
4	Award one mark each for correct references to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silken hair</li> <li>• Perfectly manicured fingers</li> </ul> <i>Also award a mark for 'Isobel was beautiful'.</i>												
5	<p>Award up to 2 marks for all three answers correct and 1 mark for two correct responses</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <th style="width: 60%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">True</th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">False</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Father is reluctant to sell the house.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>William suggests they should have a competition to see who should win the house.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alice thinks the other children are better than her.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		True	False	Father is reluctant to sell the house.	✓		William suggests they should have a competition to see who should win the house.		✓	Alice thinks the other children are better than her.	✓	
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**Reading Week Two: ANSWERS**

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1	Award one mark for: furtively
2	Award one mark for reference to the fact that William cheats by using ‘a length of strong elastic’. Allow references to cheating by using ‘catapults, sling shots or other devices’.
3	Award one mark for correct reference to Alice waiting until the depths of winter to take her turn in the competition. Award one further mark for any explanation that shows that she waited for the lake to freeze over.
4	Award one mark for a reference to Alice’s stone hitting the far bank of the lake. Award one further mark for reference to the fact that Father had secretly wanted Alice to win the competition from the outset.  <i>Do not accept</i> answers that make simple reference to Alice winning without explaining how she won.
5	For two marks accept developed explanations of any of the following ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patience is often rewarded – Alice takes her time to formulate a plan and doesn’t rush or adopt negative approaches (e.g. cheating or sulking) like the other children</li> <li>• You reap what you sow – Alice is a good person (e.g. helps with gardening, reacts with sadness when Father reports his bad news) and therefore she deserves to win the competition</li> </ul>

**Reading Week Three: ANSWERS**

Qu.	Answer
1	Award one mark for: drive or ride  Accept similar definitions or interpretations which demonstrate correct understanding of the word in this context.
2	Award one mark each for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• minds</li> <li>• clouds</li> </ul>
3	Award up to two marks for explanations which make reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zarkians communicate telepathically</li> <li>• Zarkian children are able to operate space craft</li> <li>• Zarkian space craft can travel at great speed over great distances</li> <li>• Zarkian space craft travel between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> dimensions</li> </ul> <p>At least two pieces of evidence must be provided from the text.</p>
4	Award one mark for answers that make reference to the fact that the reader's 'head might implode'. Award two marks for more detailed explanations which demonstrate an understanding of the fact that Zarkian civilisation and technology is beyond human comprehension.
5	Award one mark for answers that reference the speed at which Beth was flying drawing on words such as <b>nipping</b> and <b>skidded</b> . Award one further mark for answers that suggest Beth is a skilled pilot by referring to the way that she navigates at speed between planets before slamming on the retro-boosters.

**Reading Week Four: ANSWERS**

Qu.	Answer
1	Award one mark for: vermin
2	Award one mark for answers which explain that the character is exposed to physical abuse <b>as well as</b> verbal abuse e.g. <i>The character is hit and has things thrown at them as well as being called rude names.</i>
3	Award one mark for answers that refer to <b>shadows</b> and <b>dark corners</b> which provide hiding places in which the thief can <b>lurk/hide</b> .
4	Award one mark for an answer that makes a <b>plausible prediction</b> . Award a second mark for an answer that uses <b>evidence</b> from the text to support this. For example: <i>I think the character does not feel positive about themselves because he feels that no one likes him. I know this because the text says 'For some reason, people don't seem to like me.'</i>
5	Award one mark each for answers which explain the following with appropriate reference to the text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical changes: as the thief has got older he/she has become less <b>agile</b></li> <li>• Mental changes: as the thief has got older he/she has become less <b>daring</b></li> </ul> Award one further mark for answers which explain the thief's change in attitude over time – he/she now values his/her life and well-being more than worldly goods and riches.

**Reading Week Five: ANSWERS**

Qu.	Answer
1	Award one mark for: sturdy
2	Award one mark for answers that refer to any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billy had fallen asleep whilst watching the sheep</li> <li>• Billy had left the gate open allowing the sheep to wander off</li> </ul>
3	Award one mark for each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is plenty of grass (for the sheep to eat)</li> <li>• The stone walls keep the sheep safe</li> </ul>
4	Award up to two marks for answers which explain Billy’s feelings as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billy is suspicious of the mills</li> <li>• Billy is afraid of the mills</li> <li>• Billy feels the mills are a bad thing</li> </ul> Appropriate reference should be made to the text to support the answer e.g. <b>devilish mills, infernal machines, belching out smoke</b>
5	Award up to two marks for answers which explain that Billy’s luck worsens over the course of the extract by referring to the significant events in the text as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has not found the lost sheep by the end of the extract</li> <li>• At the end of the extract, Billy finds a lost girl and he believes this <b>spelt trouble</b></li> </ul> Explanations must make appropriate reference to the text to support the view expressed. <p>Award no marks for answers which do not refer to significant events in the text e.g. the weather gets worse.</p> <p>Award no marks for answers which indicate that Billy’s luck improved by the end of the extract.</p>

**Reading Week Six: ANSWERS**

Qu.	Answer
1	Award two mark for two three responses from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lashes out</li> <li>• hisses</li> <li>• spits</li> <li>• scratches</li> </ul> Award one mark for at least two correct responses.
2	Award one mark for: popular, picturesque hills
3	Award two marks for the correct order: 4, 5, 2, 1, 6, 3  Award one mark for answers that contain four or five correctly ordered events.
4	Award one mark for answers which refer to the anger making Jed begin to cry.  Award two marks for answers which explain fully the use of the word <b>prickling</b> to reflect the physical sensation of crying and the emotional feeling of anger rising.
5	Award up to two marks for answers that refer to the following aspects of the text and explain clearly how these evidence the regularity with which Jed loses his temper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking on the hillside was Jed’s <b>favourite escape route</b></li> <li>• He knows that he will be <b>blissfully alone</b> as <b>very few people ever venture far from the paths and tracks</b></li> <li>• Jed is able to find his way to his den in spite of running into the tall ferns</li> <li>• Jed has built a <b>secret den</b> on previous visits to the hillside</li> </ul> Award one mark for reference to one of the above.