

# Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

## Where is this story set?

- This story is mostly set in and around a forest where lots of animals live. There is also a stream. Morris travels out from the forest to visit a recycling centre.

## Is there a dilemma in this story? What is it?

- The dilemma is how to save the forest and all the wildlife that lives in the forest.

## How is the dilemma resolved?

- Morris realises that he should stop spreading litter in the forest. The dilemma is resolved by the animals working together to collect the litter and take it to the recycling centre. New seeds are then planted so that more plants grow.

## Can you think of a different way that the dilemma could have been resolved?

- Example answer: Human beings could have come to clear up the mess but this would not have been as good. The animals could also have gone to live somewhere else but it would not have been very good to leave a mess behind.

## How does the story end?

- The story ends with the forest looking natural and beautiful. Morris realises that it is better to have a green home rather than to have lots of shiny things in his nest.

## What is the message of the story?

- Example answer: The message of the story is that everyone should look after the place where they live or they will end up in trouble. Also, it is

important that we recycle rubbish as there isn't enough room for us to just store rubbish.

## Do you like the way the story is told in rhyme? Explain your reasons.

- Example answer: I really like the way the story is told in rhyme because it holds the story together and I like the rhythm when I read it aloud.

## What effective describing words or phrases can you find in the story?

- Example answer: When the forest is in danger, there are lots of words and phrases that help me to understand what the forest was like, e.g. 'flowers were wilting', and 'His animal friends watched in fear and distress.' It is a good description when the stream is described as having a 'muddy-like' hue as it helps me imagine it.

## What is your favourite part of the story? Explain your reasons.

- Example answer: My favourite part of the story is when all the animals work as a team to tidy up because I found it exciting waiting to see if they would be able to clear up the mess. I felt hopeful reading this part of the story. I also love the picture of the hedgehog with the bottle tied on his back.

## Deeper Reading

### Is Morris a good or a bad character? How do you know?

- Example answer: I think Morris is definitely a good character. I know that he causes a big problem for everyone in the forest by collecting all the litter but he didn't mean to do this. As soon as he realises the problem, he feels guilty and tries to put things right straight away.

