

Comprehension

Part A

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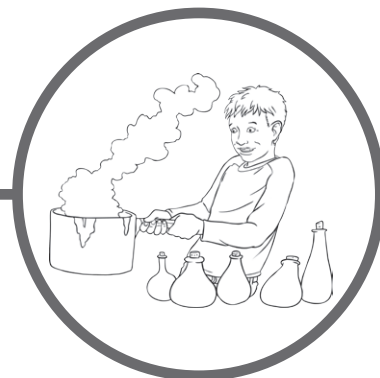
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Part B

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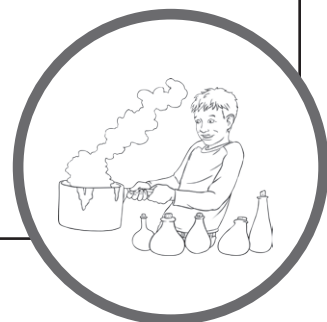
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5. How do you think George was feeling about making the new medicine? Find evidence to prove this.

Challenge Task

Working with a partner, imagine that George has to call for an ambulance. What will George say to the call operator at the other end of the phone call? Take the roles of George and the operator to find out.



Comprehension Answers

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1. Why did George 'suddenly want to explode grandma away'?
 - *He wanted to get rid of Grandma because he was so frightened of her.*
2. Why did George become excited in 'The Marvellous Plan'?
 - *George was excited because he had thought of a plan to make some medicine that would get rid of her for good.*
3. What did George decide he was going to put in his new medicine at the beginning of 'George Begins to Make the Medicine'?
 - *He decided that he was going to put everything he could find in this medicine.*
4. Why do you think the word 'EVERYTHING' is in capitals in this chapter?
 - *Example answer: I think this is in capital letters because the author wanted to emphasise that no stone would be left unturned where the ingredients were concerned.*
5. Which room did George go in first to find ingredients for the medicine?
 - *George went into the bathroom first to find some ingredients.*
6. If you were to make a magic medicine for a famous baddy or villain e.g. The Joker, explain what ingredients you would use and who might want to use it.
 - *Example answer: I would make a medicine to take the smile off The Joker's face. In my magic medicine I would include make up remover, to take the silly make up off his face. I would also use hot chillies to stop him laughing. My medicine would be used by Batman.*

Comprehension Answers

Part B

1. What is George thinking about in the illustrations on p.13?
 - *In the illustrations George is thinking about what he could put in his new medicine e.g. snakes and rats. He also wants the medicine to explode.*
2. List the ingredients George thought he would put in his magic medicine, mentioned in 'The Marvellous Plan'?
 - *George wants to include a bug, a flea, snails, lizards, a slimy squiggler, a bumblebee, ju-jube fruit juice and powdered wombat knee bone.*
3. What did George think the Golden Gloss Hair Shampoo would do to grandma?
 - *George thought the shampoo would make Grandma's hair nice and clean.*
4. What reason did George give for adding Superwhite for Automatic Washing Machines?
 - *George thinks that Grandma is very dirty, so she needs a clean.*
5. How do you think George was feeling about making the new medicine? Find evidence to prove this._
 - *Example answer: Much of his speech is written with exclamation marks, which suggests he was very excited or shocked. I imagine this is excitement as he is smiling in the illustrations. He also promises not to forget to administer the medicine to Grandma, so he must be excited to see the effects on the old lady.*

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- *Example answer:*

Operator: Hello. How can I help?

George: I need an ambulance, quickly.

Operator: Where do you live?

George: A big farm.

Operator: Explain what has happened.

