

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

Reading Questions and Answers

Marvellous Medicine Number Two: Describe how Mr Kranky reacts to making the medicine. How is this similar to his reaction to discovering the medicine in the first place?

- Example answer: When Mr Kranky first discovered the magic of George's medicine, he danced around getting excited. His reaction is no different as he makes the medicine in the kitchen.

Compare how Mr and Mrs Kranky are reacting to making this medicine. Who deals best with the situation?

- Example answer: Mrs Kranky tells Mr Kranky to calm down. Mr Kranky thinks this medicine is the greatest discovery in the history of science! Mrs Kranky is being the calmest, whilst Mr Kranky is recreating the medicine recipe with great enthusiasm, so it is difficult to decide who is reacting best.

What can you tell about Roald Dahl's opinions on the Kranky family?

- Example answer: The Kranky family are described in a positive way. Mrs Kranky is so calm, whilst Mr Kranky thinks George is wonderful for inventing this medicine, so Dahl must like the parents.

Compare the reaction of chicken number one to that of chicken number two to the medicine.

- Example answer: Chicken number one shot into the air, poured with smoke and started jumping until it grew. However, chicken number two whooshed into the air, sparks flying, with its body the same size but its legs growing rapidly.

Marvellous Medicine Number Three: Compare the impact of the medicine on the cockerel to that of the hens.

- Example answer: The cockerel's neck grows really quickly, which makes George realise he has missed another ingredient.

Deeper Reading

If the medicine could be used for good purposes around the world, what could it be used for?

- Example answer: It could be sprayed on crops to create greater harvests in drier countries where food is scarce. It could be washed into seas to encourage fish stocks to increase. This could all help to meet the needs of a growing world population.

