

Comprehension

Part A

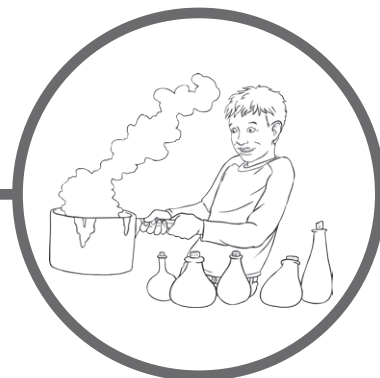
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2. What happened to the brown hen?

3. What happened to Grandma when she took the same medicine?

4. Do you think everyone was pleased that Grandma had disappeared? Why?

5. Which moment from any part in the story do you remember most clearly? Draw a picture of that moment and write a caption for the picture.



Comprehension

Part B

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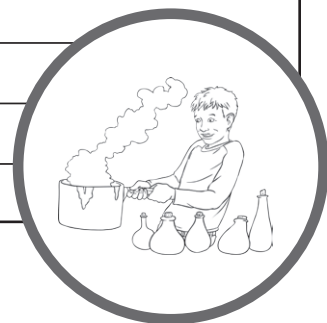
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4. Did things turn out as Mr Kranky expected?

5. Would you describe this as a happy ending?

★ Challenge Task ★

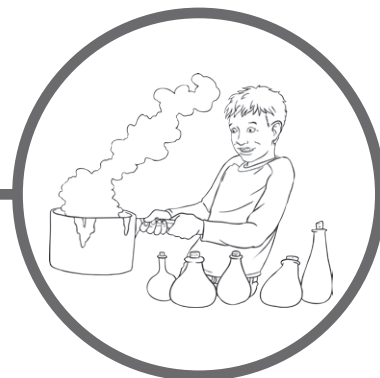
Think of a use for Medicine Number Four, the shrinking medicine. What would be the advantages of such a medicine? For example, imagine giving a dose to your teacher at break time in his coffee. What impact could this have on the rest of your school day? What other uses could the shrinking version of the medicine have?



Comprehension Answers

Part A

1. Who tried medicine number four first?
 - *A brown hen tried the medicine first.*
2. What happened to the brown hen?
 - *The brown hen got smaller and smaller.*
3. What happened to Grandma when she took the same medicine?
 - *She got smaller and smaller until she disappeared completely.*
4. Do you think everyone was pleased that Grandma had disappeared? Why?
 - *Example answer: I think everyone was pleased that she disappeared because she was seen as a nuisance by the whole family.*
5. Which moment from any part in the story do you remember most clearly? Draw a picture of that moment and write a caption for the picture.
 - *Example answer: I remember when Grandma's head burst through the roof of the house. That made me laugh.*



Comprehension Answers

Part B

1. Why did Mrs Kranky think George and his father would never get the medicine right again?
 - *Mrs Kranky explained that they would need exactly the same ingredients in the same quantity as the first medicine.*
2. Why didn't Mrs Kranky want Grandma to take the medicine?
 - *Mrs Kranky knew what was in it and the explosive effect it could have on her.*
3. Why did Mr Kranky try to get Grandma to drink what she thought was a cup of tea?
 - *Mr Kranky does not like Grandma because she is mean.*
4. Did things turn out as Mr Kranky expected?
 - *Mr Kranky was surprised by the effect of the medicine, but he was happy because Grandma was so grumpy and bad tempered.*
5. Would you describe this as a happy ending?
 - *Example answer: I would say that this story has a happy ending for the Kranky family, but not for Grandma. The don't have to listen to her moaning anymore, whilst she can moan all she likes but will be heard by no one.*