

Comprehension

Part A

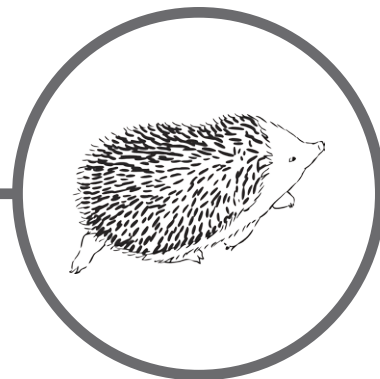
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2. What do you think the story is going to be about?

3. Where is the story set?

4. Why was the park so popular with the local hedgehogs?

5. What did Pa give the children a long lecture about?



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Part B

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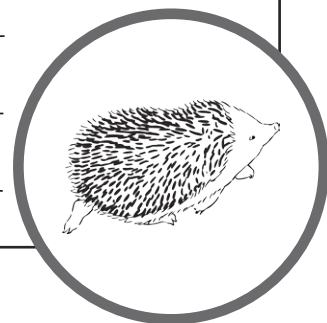
5. How do you think Max felt when he found the zebra crossing? Why?

Challenge Task

Write two questions of your own you would like answered about the story.

1. _____

2. _____



Comprehension Answers

Part A

1. Who are the main characters in the story?
 - *Max, Ma, Pa and Max's sisters, who are called Peony, Pansy and Petunia.* The children may also include Uncle B as one of the main characters.
2. What do you think the story is going to be about?
 - *Example answer: Max and his family dream of reaching the park but no one has ever found a safe place to cross the busy road. I think that Max the hedgehog will make it his mission to find a safe place to cross.*
3. Where is the story set?
 - *The story is set in the garden of number 5A in a row of semi-detached houses on a suburban street, which is opposite the park.*
4. Why was the park so popular with the local hedgehogs?
 - *The park was so popular with local hedgehogs because of the good hunting it offered.*
5. What did Pa give the children a long lecture about?
 - *Pa gave the children a long lecture about the problems of road safety for hedgehogs.*

Part B

1. Why did Pa call Max 'Victor Maximilian St. George'?
 - *Pa called Max that because he felt boys needed noble-sounding names.*
2. What does 'his wits were sharp as his spines' mean on page 5?
 - *'His wits were as sharp as his spines' means he was a bright, intelligent hedgehog.*
3. Why did Max ask Pa if humans cross the road?
 - *Max wanted to know why the humans didn't get killed crossing the road and how they got across safely.*
4. What was Max actually sitting on when he was watching the humans pass by?
 - *Max was actually sitting on the pavement watching the humans pass by.*
5. How do you think Max felt when he found the zebra crossing? Why?
 - *Example answers: I think Max would have been feeling excited because he now had a safer place to cross or I think Max would have been feeling anxious because the cars were moving quickly on the road.*

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Write two questions of your own you would like answered about the story.

Accept any two sensible questions based on the pupil's understanding of the text so far.
