

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

Reading Questions and Answers

Marvellous Medicine Number Four: Describe what has happened in this chapter.

- Example answer: George and Mr Kranky were in the kitchen trying to make another batch of Marvellous Medicine. Mrs Kranky pointed out that you also have to have exactly the same amount of ingredients, not just the right ingredients. They gave the new mixture to a hen and it shrank to the size of a new born chick.

Highlight only five words from p.92. Close the book. Using the five words you picked out, turn these into a paragraph about this chapter 'Goodbye Grandma'.

- Example answer: left, forlorn, spoon, striding, sorry.
- Mr Kranky and George are forlorn as they have left out an ingredient from the medicine and can't remember what it is. They hold the spoon as they think about possible missing ingredients. Just then, Grandma strides angrily towards the family, demanding breakfast, as Mrs Kranky apologises for forgetting about her.

Why didn't George and his mother want Grandma to drink the medicine?

- Example answer: Mrs Kranky tried to stop Grandma taking the new medicine but Mr Kranky encouraged her to take it. George tried to stop her taking it. Grandma started getting smaller and smaller until she disappeared completely.

Do you think Mr Kranky wanted Grandma to take the medicine? Find adjectives or phrases to suggest this.

- Example answer: I do think he wanted to give Grandma the medicine because the story describes him as smiling sweetly at Grandma, as if to persuade her. He also says, 'Drink it up Grandma!'

Did events turn out as Mr Kranky expected?

- Example answer: I think events might not have been as he expected, because he seems surprised when she disappears, but he was pleased Grandma was gone.

Using less than 20 words, write a blurb for this book.

- Example answer: George marvellously makes a magical medicine with extraordinary results that you'd never believe.

Which is the most important message in this book?

- Example answer: One key message might be that those who are mean to others get what they deserve.

Deeper Reading

Why do authors write stories?

- Example answer: Authors sometimes write stories because they have lots of important things to say. They use stories to teach children information about life, and to fill their imaginations with endless, magical possibilities.

