

Lower Level activity - "Mr Skip" by Michael Morpurgo



Choose the best answer and copy it out onto your page. Be careful with your spelling please and remember to check your punctuation e.g. capital letters, full stops, speech marks, etc.

1. How does Jackie describe the skip?
 - a) Jackie describes the skip as "the big bright blue skip".
 - b) Jackie describes the skip as "an ancient dirty orange skip".
 - c) Jackie describes the skip as "that rusty old yellow skip".
 - d) Jackie describes the skip as "a dirty old broken skip".

2. Where was the skip?
 - a) The skip was on top of the hill by the oak tree.
 - b) The skip was on the corner of the estate by the phone box.
 - c) The skip was around the back of the flats near the road.
 - d) The skip was on the green by the rubbish bins.

3. What did Jackie like to do with the skip?
 - a) Jackie liked to search inside it.
 - b) Jackie liked to kick a ball against its side.
 - c) Jackie liked to hide inside it.
 - d) Jackie liked to paint on its side.

4. Why did Mum tell Jackie she shouldn't go in the skip?
 - a) In case she got hurt
 - b) In case she got trapped
 - c) In case she got in trouble
 - d) In case she lost something

5. Why did Jackie take things from the skip?
 - a) Jackie was collecting unusual objects for an art project.
 - b) Jackie wanted to give presents to her friends.
 - c) Jackie and her mum were finding things to sell at the market.
 - d) Jackie and her mum could not afford to buy things for their flat.

6. What did Jackie find for the mantelpiece?
 - a) A silver photo frame
 - b) A small ballerina statue
 - c) A glass vase
 - d) A blue china horse

7. Which item from the skip was "best of all"?
 - a) The blue china horse
 - b) A twenty-six-inch television
 - c) Mum's armchair
 - d) A wheelbarrow

8. Who helped Jackie with the television in the wheelbarrow?
 - a) Jackie's mum
 - b) Jackie's friend Billy
 - c) Jackie's cousin Barry
 - d) Jackie's Aunt Sally

9. What was wrong with the television?
 - a) The screen was cracked and the sound was fuzzy.
 - b) The base was wonky and needed propping up.
 - c) The cable was worn and it needed a new plug.
 - d) A knob was missing and the colour was fuzzy.

10. What funny name did Mum call Jackie?
 - a) Mum called Jackie "a terrible little jackdaw".
 - b) Mum called Jackie "a cheeky little monkey".
 - c) Mum called Jackie "a silly little sausage".
 - d) Mum called Jackie "a naughty little mouse".

Now, discuss these inference questions with someone at home.

You do not need to write down your answers.

1. Are you allowed to play in skips? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think Jackie enjoys rummaging in the skip?
3. What age do you think Jackie might be?
4. Why do you think Jackie's mum kept the broken television?
5. Why do you think Michael Morpurgo chose this character? Do they think he might have known someone like Jackie? Could the experience relate to his own childhood?