



Rosie and the boredom eater

GENRE	children's fiction
READING STRATEGIES	skimming; scanning; detailed reading
QUESTION FORM	questions requiring answers in complete sentences
UNDERSTANDING TESTED	questions 1, 3, 4, 8 - literal; questions 5, 10 - deductive; questions 2, 6, 7 - inferential; question 9 - evaluative

- 1 Why was Rosie so bored?
She was bored because she had no one to play with and nothing to do. (1 mark)
- 2 What did Rosie mean when she said "there ought to be no such things as only's"?
She thought no one should be an only child and everyone should have brothers and sisters. (2 marks)
- 3 What was the number of Rosie's new house and the name of the road?
Her house was 25 Latimer Street. (2 marks)
- 4 How could Rosie be sure that the house next door was empty?
She knew it was empty because the people who lived there had moved out weeks before. (1 mark)
- 5 The yard of the house next door was identical to Rosie's yard. What does "identical" mean?
"Identical" means "exactly the same". (1 mark)
- 6 Explain how Rosie knew that she wasn't in an earthquake when the dustbin started to rock about.
She knew she wasn't in an earthquake because nothing else was rocking about. (1 mark)
- 7 The old man in the dustbin said that he was there to help Rosie.
How do you think he will help her?
He is going to help her to get rid of boredom. (1 mark)
- 8 What facts do we learn about Rosie in this passage? (Look for information about her home, her family and her age.)
Her name is Rosie Barker. She is an only child. She lives at 25 Latimer Street. She is nine. (2 marks)
- 9 What do you find out about what Rosie's personality is like from this passage?
Include all the details that you can find.
She has a sense of humour. She is quite brave. She can be polite and she is good with words. She is lively. (3 marks)
- 10 What does "quavered" mean?
"Quavered" means "spoke with a wobbly voice". (1 mark)