



Dragon breath

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

- 1 Why was Snap unhappy?
He was unhappy because he couldn't breathe fire (like other dragons). (2 marks)
- 2 "Snap shuffled into the kitchen." How do you walk if you shuffle?
When you shuffle, you drag your feet along the ground. (2 marks)
- 3 What two things do you learn about Vera that make you think she liked to be fit and healthy?
Vera had been out jogging in the forest (as she did every day) and she was drinking carrot juice (which is good for you). (1 + 1 marks)
- 4 Why did Snap want to breathe fire?
He wanted to breathe fire because that is what dragons do. (He wanted to be like other dragons.) (1 mark)
- 5 What two signs always showed that Snap was going to cry?
The two signs were: sticking out his bottom lip and starting to sniff to himself. (1 + 1 marks)
- 6 Why did Vera not want Snap to cry?
She didn't want him to cry because his tears stained the carpet. (2 marks)
- 7 If you were Vera, what would you say to cheer Snap up?
Open. Reward any sensible answers. Vera is sensible, practical and motherly. She is likely to tell him that she likes him just as he is; that breathing fire will come in good time; that if he cries he will never be able to breathe fire etc.) (4 marks)