



In today's work, we are thinking about Jackie's feelings and actions as she prepares to ride Barnaby in the horse race. Read through the excerpt from Chapter 4 and then complete Parts A and B.

Part A Write out the answers to the following questions in your book or on a page. Be careful with your spelling please and remember to check your punctuation e.g. capital letters, full stops, apostrophes, etc.

1. What is the main point of this excerpt? Choose one.
 - a) Barnaby is slow.
 - b) Mister Skip is magical.
 - c) Jackie is nervous.
 - d) Mum makes breakfast.
2. What were the characters doing in the scene? Write out each statement and then tell us if the statement is true or false.
 - a) Jackie ran around nervously. True or false?
 - b) Jackie ate breakfast. True or false?
 - c) Jackie stroked Barnaby's ears. True or false?
 - d) Jackie pulled out of the race. True or false?
 - e) Jackie buried her head in her hands. True or false?
3. Which part of the excerpt is happening in Jackie's imagination? Choose one.
 - a) "I went down to the lock-up in my dressing gown."
 - b) "Mum was at the fridge fetching some milk."
 - c) "I could see it all... me miles behind, barely able to get old Barnaby to walk."
 - d) "Before I took Barnaby out, I groomed him."
4. What is Jackie thinking? How is she acting? Read through the following statements and copy out the two statements which are true.
 - a) Jackie's actions were very nervous.
 - b) Jackie's actions were calm.
 - c) Jackie's thoughts were very nervous.
 - d) Jackie's thoughts were calm.

Part B

In today's excerpt, Jackie was feeling very nervous on the inside and her imagination was running wild but, to anyone looking at Jackie, she seemed calm. You are going to plan your own scene for "Mister Skip" in which someone acts in a different way to how they are feeling.

