

Today you will be looking at a variety of reading books (the front covers, blurbs and random chapters) to answer questions based on these parts of the books.

I hope that some of them will inspire you to read them over the summer as I have included extracts from some great books. I will put a star on the one I fully recommend! (they all are worth a read I just recommend the ones that I have read and loved!)



Violet never wanted to move to Perfect.

Who wants to live in a town where everyone has to wear glasses to stop them going blind? And who wants to be neat and tidy and perfectly behaved all the time?

Violet quickly discovers there's something weird going on in the town – she keeps hearing voices, her mam is acting strange and her dad has disappeared.

When she meets Boy she realizes that her dad is not the only person to have vanished...and that the mysterious Watchers are guarding a perfectly creepy secret!

- 1) Look at the front cover: make a prediction about the story by using the title and the images on the front of the book.

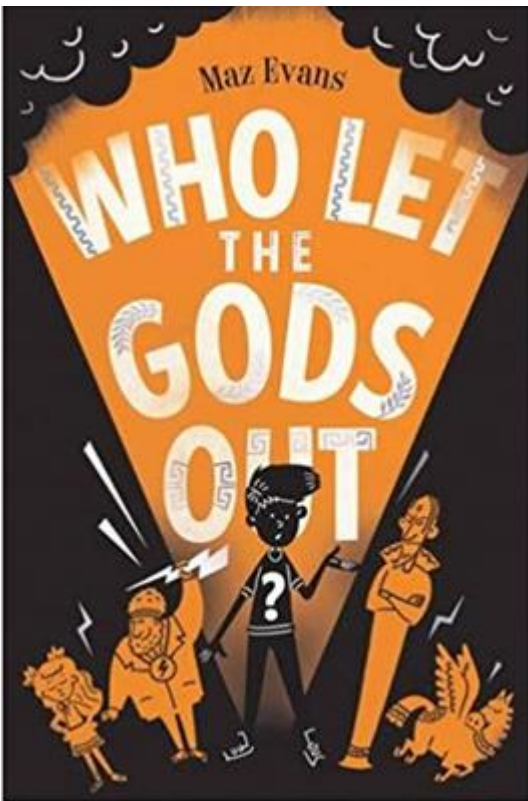
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- 2) Read the blurb. Why do you think everyone goes blind in Perfect?

(1 mark)

- 3) Do you think that the place called Perfect is perfect? Explain your answer.

(3 marks)



Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help. After centuries of cushy retirement on earth, are Zeus and his crew up to the task of saving the world - and solving Elliot's problems too?

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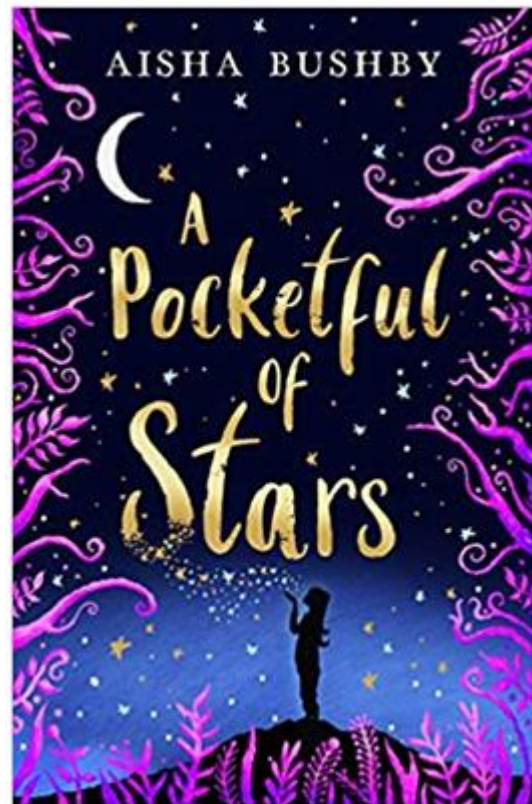
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2) Read the blurb. Clarify what a *cushy retirement* is.

(1 mark)

3) What do you think Elliot's problems are?

(2 marks)



Safiya and her mum have never seen eye to eye. Her mum doesn't understand Safiya's love of gaming and Safiya doesn't think they have anything in common. As Safiya struggles to fit in at school she wonders if her mum wishes she was more like her confident best friend Elle. But then her mum falls into a coma and, when Safiya waits by her bedside, she finds herself in a strange alternative world that looks a bit like one of her games. And there's a rebellious teenage girl, with a secret, who looks suspiciously familiar . . .

1) Look at the front cover: make a prediction about the story by using the title and the images on the front of the book.

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2) Read the blurb. What does, '**had never seen eye to eye**' mean?

(1 mark)

3) What does it mean to **fall in to a coma**?

(1 mark)

4) What impression do you get of the character Safiya?

(1 mark)

Chapter 1



Mum always turns into a game. Even boring days out to the theatre.

'When the play starts,' Mum says, 'count the number of times the cast say Rapunzel's name. Apparently they say it seven times in the first seven minutes!' She pauses, looking between me and my best friend Elle. We glance at each other and frown. 'Seven!' Mum repeats, like this should mean something to us. 'The witching number?' She looks disappointed. 'Oh, never mind.'

I can't help but laugh. Mum's games don't always make sense, because her brain works in mysterious ways.

We're at a coffee shop next door to the theatre, having cake and hot chocolate while we wait to watch an afternoon performance of *Rapunzel*.

'Fine, you think of a better game to play while we watch,'

Read the extract of chapter one, 'Chapter 1.'

4) What impression do you get of the character, 'Mum?'

_____.(1 mark)

5) What does mum think the number 7 means?

_____.(1 mark)

6) Find the word which means to pull a miserable face.

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7) Find the synonym for look.

_____ (1 mark)

Grammar focus

8) Expand the noun phrase, 'a coffee shop.'

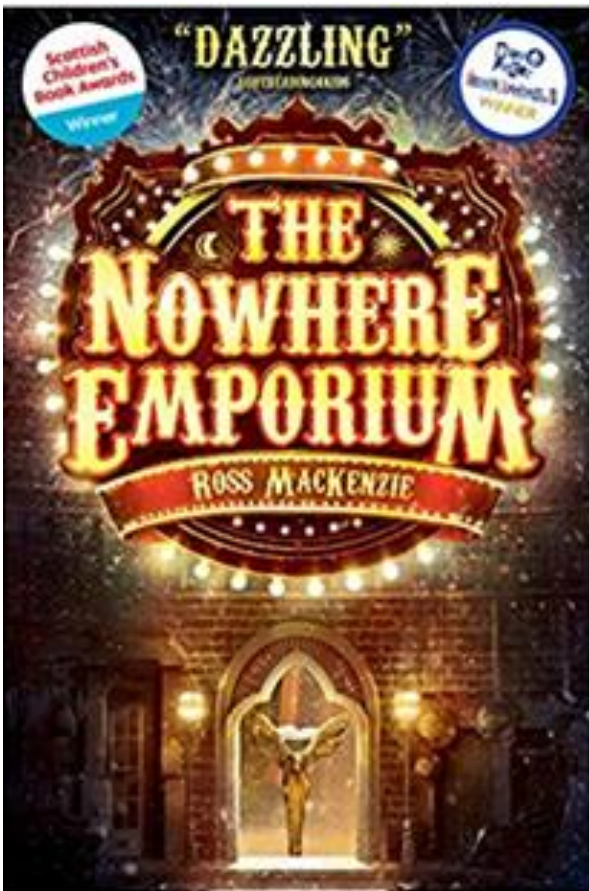
_____ (1 mark)

9) Find and copy an example of a subordinate clause.

_____.(1 mark)

10) Expand the contraction 'we're.'

_____.(1 mark)



When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breath-taking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms - rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?

1) Look at the front cover: make a prediction about the story by using the title and the images on the front of the book.

(2 marks)

2) Read the blurb. What does 'orphan' mean?

(1 mark)

3) Clarify what it would mean to be an apprentice.

(1 mark)

4) What is one effect of Mr Silver's disappearance?

(1 mark)

MISS TYSOE
RECOMMENDS

The shop from nowhere arrived with the dawn on a crisp November morning.

Word travelled quickly around the village, and by midday the place was abuzz with rumour and hearsay.

"There were four shops in the row yesterday. Today there are five!"

"Did you hear? It sits between the butcher's and the ironmonger's..."

"The brickwork is black as midnight, and it sparkles strangely in the light!"

By evening time, a curious crowd had begun to gather around the mysterious building. They jostled for position and traded strange and wonderful theories about where the shop had come from and what it might sell, all the while hoping to catch a glimpse of movement through the darkened windows.

The shop was indeed built from bricks the colour of midnight, bricks that shimmered and sparkled under the glow of the gas streetlamps. Blocking the doorway was a golden gate so fine and intricate that some wondrous spider might have spun it. Over the windows, curling letters spelled out a name:

THE
NOWHERE
EMPORIUM

Read the extract of chapter one, 'Prologue.'

4) What does '**abuzz with rumour and hearsay**' suggest about the place?

.....(1 mark)

5) Why has the author use italics for the speech in the first part of the extract?

.....(1 mark)

6) Find a word similar to conspiracies.

.....(1 mark)

7) What does **intricate** mean?

.....(1 mark)

Grammar focus

8) Write a question you have about The Nowhere Emporium that has appeared on the street. Remember to punctuate accurately.

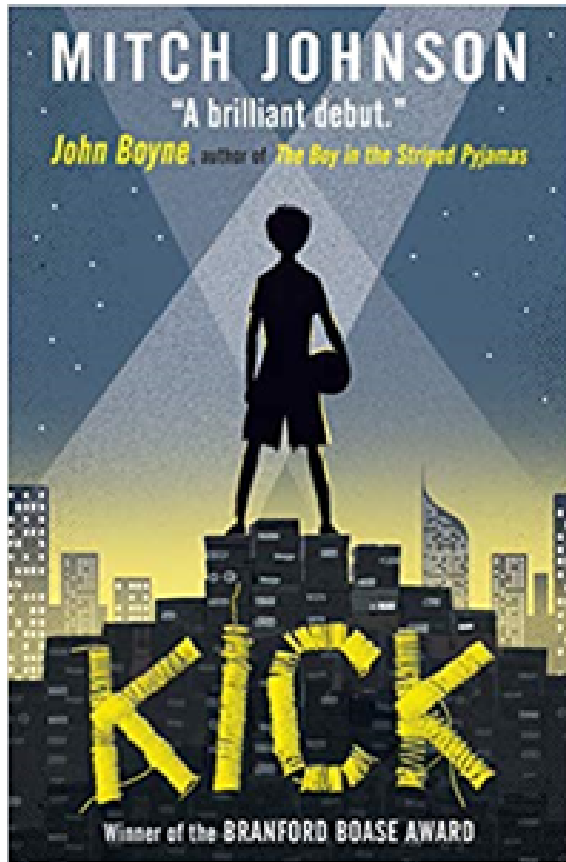
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9) Find and copy an adverbial phrase.

.....(1 mark)

10) Improve, 'the shop' by expanding this noun phrase.

.....(1 mark)



Budi's plan is simple. He's going to be a star. Budi's going to play for the greatest team on earth, instead of sweating over each stitch he sews, each football boot he makes. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down. Now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in Jakarta. Soon it isn't only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life. A story about dreaming big, about hope and heroes, and never letting anything stand in your way.

1) Look at the front cover: make a prediction about the story by using the title and the images on the front of the book.

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2) Read the blurb. What is Budi's plan?

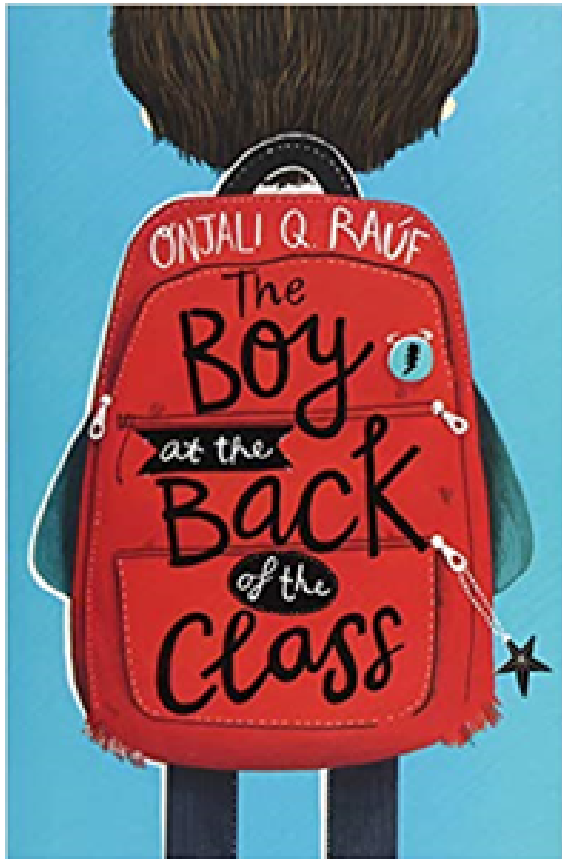
_____ (1 mark)

3) What could have happened to make Budi owe the dragon?

_____ (1 mark)

4) Why is the front cover effective when comparing it to the final line of the blurb?

_____ (2 marks)



There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets - not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

But then I learned the truth: Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan. . .

1) Look at the front cover: make a prediction about the story by using the title and the images on the front of the book.

(2 marks)

2) Read the blurb. Clarify what a refugee is.

(1 mark)

3) What impression do you get of the character Ahmet from the blurb?

(1 mark)

4) What do you think the plan could be that they have come up with?

(2 marks)

MISS TYSOE
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There used to be an empty chair at the back of my classroom. It wasn't a special chair. It was just empty because there was no one sitting in it. But then, one day just three weeks after school started, the most exciting thing that could ever happen to anyone, happened to me and my three best friends. And it all began with that chair.

Usually, the best thing about starting a brand-new term is that you get extra pocket money to buy new stationery with. Every year, on the last Sunday of the summer holidays, my mum takes me on an Extra-Special Adventure to hunt down my stationery set for the new school year. Sometimes I get so excited that my feet feel jumpy inside and I don't know which shop I want to go into first. There aren't many nice stationery shops where I live – they only ever have boring dinosaur sets for boys or princess sets for girls. So Mum takes me on the bus and train into the city where there are whole streets of shops – even huge department stores that look like tall blocks of flats from the outside.

Read the extract of chapter one, 'The empty chair.'

4) What do you think the most exciting thing that could ever happen was?

.....(1 mark)

5) Why would the narrator get extra pocket money at the start of a brand new term?

..... (1 mark)

6) What impression do you get of the character who is telling the story?

..... (2 marks)

Grammar focus

7) Why has the author used a dash in the final part of the extract?

.....(1 mark)

8) Find and copy a subordinate conjunction in the text.

.....(1 mark)

9) Find an adverb in the text.

.....(1 mark)

Let me know if any of these books caught your eye - let your parents know too – you never know, if you do enough chores and help enough you might just be treated to them!

If not, wait for libraries to open again and put them on your list to read – I have a HUGE list of books I want to read