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## **"Pet Day" - by Rachel McAlpine - play**

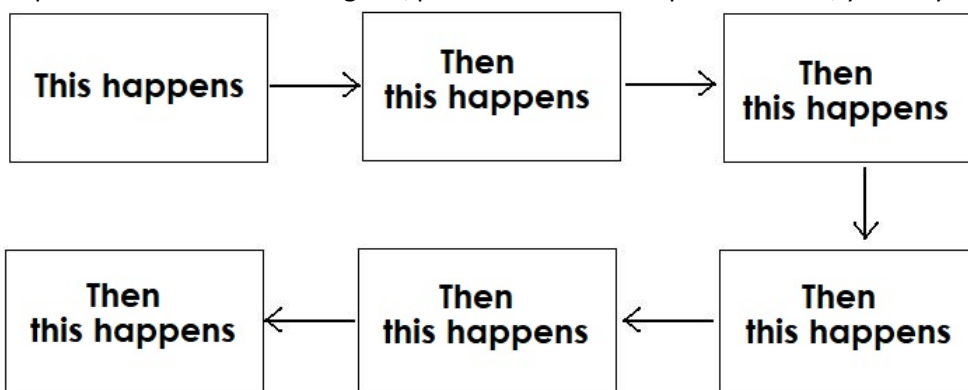
- [1] [\[AF2\]](#) Who owns the "Healthiest Pet"? [1 mk]
- [2] [\[AF2\]](#) What prize did the teacher's pet win? [1 mk]
- [3] [\[AF2\]](#) What was Gavin's pet? [1 mk]

## **"Power Cut" - by Jane Buxton - story**

- [4] [\[AF3\]](#) What was Abigail doing when the power went out? [1 mk]
- [5] [\[AF3\]](#) Explain why Jessica thought it would be "cool" to have some chestnuts. [1 mk]
- [6] [\[AF3\]](#) Explain why there was a second power cut? Be sure to mention the "purpose" of the second power cut. [2 mks]
- [7] [\[AF5\]](#) Give two words from page 11 which indicate fear. [1 mks]
- [8] [\[AF5\]](#) Which words/phrases on page 16 indicate Grandpa and Grandma agreed to work together? Explain how they were going to work together. [2 mks]
- [9] [\[AF6\]](#) How does the author help the reader understand why Abigail wishes there was no electricity? Include your understanding about why Abigail doesn't want electricity. [2 mks]
- [10] [\[AF7\]](#) One reflection about this story might be that the representation of the grandparents is very "stereotypical/cliched". Explain how this is true. [2 mks]

## **"Home-Spun in Ecuador" - by Erica Johnston - article**

- [11] [\[AF4\]](#) Explain how the photos in the article support some of the main ideas in the text. Give at least two examples. [2 mks]
- [12] [\[AF6\]](#) Explain what you think the author's main purposes are in writing this article. [3 mk] [\[Help\]](#)
- [13] [\[RESEARCH SKILLS\]](#) Summarise the jersey-making cycle as explained in this article as a 6-step flow chart. Each step needs to consist of a diagram/picture and a brief caption. In total, you may use no more than 24 words.



[6 mks]

## **"Extra Social" - by Marion Rego - story**

[14] [\[AF3\]](#) How does Mum feel about Dina "wasting" shampoo? Give some proof for your opinion by referring to the text. [2 mks]

[15] [\[AF3\]](#) Why does Dina suggest that everything Mum buys needs to be "biodegradable"? [1 mk]

[16] [\[AF6\]](#) What is your opinion about this family in terms of how the family dynamics have been portrayed? Justify your opinions by referring to the text. [3 mk] [\[Help\]](#)

## **"Magic Charms" - by Anon - poem**

[17] [\[AF2\]](#) What does "bonny" mean? Show you understand this word by using it in a short sentence of your own about an article of clothing. [1 mk]

[18] [\[AF3\]](#) What is the purpose of these charms? [1 mks]

## **"Space Junk" - by John O'Brien - article**

[19] [\[AF2\]](#) This article is MAINLY about junk/rubbish which has been left where? [1 mk]

[20] [\[AF2\]](#) Explain how a fleck of paint almost caused a good deal of trouble. [1 mk]

[21] [\[AF6\]](#) What is the important message the author of this article is trying to communicate? [2 mk] [\[Help\]](#)

## **"How Tortoise Went to the Feast" - retold by Marion Rego - folk tale**

[22] [\[AF7\]](#) This story is an "origin" or "explanation" story, which is a common purpose for folk tales - to explain why things are as they are. What is this story explaining? [2 mks]

[23] [\[AF6\]](#) Based on the way the author has portayed them, give two adjectives to describe the character of the birds, and two adjectives to describe the character of the tortoise. [2 mks] [\[Help\]](#)

[24] [\[AF7\]](#) Folk tales with animals as the main characters often include a "trickster". Often, the "trickster" gets outwited or has the tables turned, and a trick is played on them! Explain the trick the tortoise plays, and then explain how the parrot gains revenge. [2 mks]

[25] [\[AF3\]](#) Imagine you were one of the birds at the feast and Tortoise is eating all the good food and drink. Write a short opinion piece on your feelings about Tortoise and the whole situation. [2 mks]

## **"Rain" - by Kelly Haitana - folk tale**

[26] [\[AF3\]](#) What effect does Tai's family circumstances (Mum no longer living with him, Sonny and their Dad) have on this story? [2 mks] [\[Help\]](#)

[27] [\[AF3\]](#) Having read right to the end of the story, write down why the rain makes Tai cry sometimes. [2 mks] [\[Help\]](#)

[28] [\[AF5\]](#) Read the exchange between Tai and his Dad on page 42. Why do you think Tai was getting annoyed with his Dad? Refer directly to text which leads Tai to become annoyed. [1 mks]