

## KS2 English Quiz - Comprehension 02 (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz is our second on the subject of comprehension. Comprehension is the interpretation of what is read. When you're reading, you are engaging with the author. Authors use techniques to keep their readers guessing what will happen next and wondering what the characters are thinking. A good author never gives everything away at once. A good reader is able to use inference (using the available evidence to make a reasonable guess) and deduction (using the facts to come to a conclusion).

Next time you write a story, think carefully about the techniques you can use to make your reader enjoy the story even more.

See how well you can use these skills by trying this second Comprehension quiz.

1. **Jacob looked out the window and sighed. Which one of the following emotions could Jacob be feeling?**

- Sorrow
- Disappointment
- Boredom
- Any of the above

2. **The birds chirped, the morning sun shone and the drone of lawnmowers floated on the air, along with the scent of freshly-mown grass. In this sentence, what is being carried in the breeze?**

- The sound of children playing.
- The smell of grass and the sound of lawnmowers.
- The smell of rain.
- Falling leaves.

3. **What does 'drone' mean?**

- A continuous noise.
- A loud sound.
- A quiet sound.
- An unbearably loud noise.

4. **In the garden, Jacob could see his bike where he had left it out the night before - how inviting it appeared. What is implied by this sentence?**

- Jacob is going to go out on his bike.
- Jacob wishes he could go out.
- Jacob wishes he'd remembered to put his bike away.
- Jacob doesn't like his bike.

5. **He listened very carefully. No one else was stirring. What does 'stirring' mean in this sentence?**

- Mixing something for breakfast.
- Being excited.
- Moving.
- Going around in circles.

6. **What is Jacob listening out for in question five?**

- Signs that anyone else is awake.
- The sound of lawnmowers.
- The sound of the birds chirping.
- Signs of rain.

7. **If he went out on his bike, no one would be able to find him in time for the exam. Which of the following words describes how Jacob is thinking in this sentence?**

- Sharing
- Scheming
- Revising
- Day-dreaming

8. **Swiftly, he grabbed his shoes, eased open his door and began creeping down the stairs. Which one of the following is NOT true?**

- Jacob doesn't want anyone to hear him.
- Jacob is hoping to escape.
- Jacob wants to watch TV.
- Jacob is going to carry out his plan.

9. **'Jacob!' his mother called, cheerily. 'Good, you're up. Why don't you do some piano practice now, so you'll be ready?' Which of the following words best describes how Jacob might feel at this point?**

- Disappointed
- Happy
- Excited
- Exhilarated

10. **Why was Jacob's bike so inviting?**

- He was recently given the bike for his birthday.
- He needs to ride his bike to school.
- He rides his bike every day.
- He doesn't want to take his piano exam.

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1. **Jacob looked out the window and sighed. Which one of the following emotions could Jacob be feeling?**

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Authors often use this technique to 'hook' the reader. Wanting to know why Jacob sighs will encourage a person to continue reading.

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- The sound of children playing.
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There is no mention of children, rain or leaves.

3. **What does 'drone' mean?**

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'Drone' especially means a continuous sound of humming or buzzing.

4. **In the garden, Jacob could see his bike where he had left it out the night before - how inviting it appeared. What is implied by this sentence?**

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The word 'inviting' is an adjective.

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Many words in the English language have more than one meaning.

6. **What is Jacob listening out for in question five?**

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Do you get the impression that Jacob is planning something?

7. **If he went out on his bike, no one would be able to find him in time for the exam. Which of the following words describes how Jacob is thinking in this sentence?**

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Here, Jacob is plotting, planning, scheming, or calculating.

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Wanting to watch TV doesn't follow from the information about Jacob that we have so far.

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He's been heard by his mother which means he won't be allowed out on his bike now.

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He would rather be riding his bike than taking a piano exam!