# **R2b. Can find and copy one word/groups of words with a particular meaning**

# **Skills Test 2**

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*Read the text and answer the questions below. Use the spaces provided to write your answers.*

In a sleepy garden, far from the smog and general chaos of the sprawling city, there lived two very different creatures: a rat (Ratty) and a mouse (rather predictably... Mousey). At a first glance, they were admittedly of fairly similar appearance: glossy coats of chestnut fur; wiry white whiskers; and bright beady eyes that revealed a wisdom beyond their years. Nevertheless, their characters were like chalk and cheese. With his winning smile, Ratty could always be relied on to brighten up a room; endlessly morose, a few minutes with Mousey would leave you down in the dumps for days!

Against their better judgement, the two had ended up as neighbours: they lived in adjoining holes under a compost heap at the back of a ramshackle shed which, despite being slightly on the cramped side, were relatively comfortable. Although the rotting foodstuffs did emit a rather foul odour, their modest homes boasted many creature comforts. Indeed, Ratty constantly strived to spruce up the darkness with interesting items that he had found discarded in nearby fields: polished pebbles; brightly coloured buttons; and even the occasional fox tooth! "Gah! More clutter!" Mousey would exclaim through gritted teeth.

1. Look at the first paragraph. **Find** and **copy one** word that tells us that the city was large.

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1. **Find** and **copy** a group of words in the first paragraph that mean *completely the opposite*.

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1. **Find** and **copy one** a group of wordsfrom the second paragraph meaning *bad smell.*

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1. Look at the sentence below. Underline the **word** that tells us that the animals’ homes are small.

*Against their better judgement, the two had ended up as neighbours: they lived in adjoining holes under a compost heap at the back of a ramshackle shed which, despite being slightly on the cramped side, were relatively comfortable.*

1. **Find** and **copy** the word that tells us the objects Ratty found were not wanted by their previous owners.

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**Answers:**

1. sprawling
2. (like) chalk and cheese
3. (rather) foul odour
4. cramped
5. discarded