

The Race

It was the final lap of the race. The sixty-sixth lap of hair-raising, one hundred miles per hour madness. John was all set for the victory. Around the final bend he came, then bang...

Everything stopped. John could see the flashes of red, green and blue flying past and on to the finish line. He placed his head in his hands and sighed.

How is John feeling at the end of this story?
Why would he be feeling that way?

The Trip

I can't believe I'm actually here. The towns below look so small and I can see for miles in every direction. The engine is whirring and there's a man in the aisle next to me eating crisps. "Don't be afraid. It's natural to be a bit nervous." Mum said before we got on board. I'm definitely not nervous now. It's brilliant!

Who is speaking?
Where are they?
How were they feeling before getting on board?

My Favourite Subject

I love science because we do great experiments, like launching parachutes and making electrical circuits. When I get home I'm going to have another go at making a space rocket powered by balloons. I hate running out of time in experiments, but if I have tea early, it should be ok.

Has the child run out of time in experiments before?
Is the child worried about something?

Hiding Place

"10-9-8-7" ...
Chelsea dived in. The material was all soft and warm but she could tell that she was very easy to spot. "I know", she said to herself, and climbed out of the bed to hide underneath it.

What game is Chelsea playing?
Describe Chelsea's first hiding place.

Fireworks

Whistle, bang, clap, whizz!
The fireworks flew up into the cold November sky. Zainab was standing at the lounge window watching in amazement, when Robbie, her pet dog, came dashing past. "Oh no!" Zainab exclaimed and ran after Robbie to see if he was ok.

What is wrong with Robbie?
How do we know something is wrong?

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It's not Fair

"But I didn't even do anything." Alex muttered as he stomped up the stairs.
Alex got the blame for lots of things because he was the oldest and should know better. There was food all over the dining room and as he walked up the stairs, his younger brothers ran into the lounge to watch television.

Why do you think Alex is upset?
How do you know this?

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Haunted

Everyone at school was talking about it. They were convinced that there was something in there, something...awful.
I didn't believe them and I was going to prove them all wrong, there had not been anyone living there for years. I knocked on the door. Three loud knocks.
My heart froze at what happened next....

Where is the child in the story?
What do you think happened next?

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The Exam

It was the day after my maths test and we were just sitting down at the table in my favourite restaurant, The Royal Dragon.
"Choose whatever you like Danny," Dad said, "You deserve it."

Why do you think Danny has gone out for a meal?

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