

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Reading Mastery is where children study the same text all week, focusing on the following reading skills and strategies:

- summarising;
- prediction;
- text talk;
- vocabulary- learning new words and the effect words and phrases have on the reader;
- literal questions (where the answer to a question can be found in the text);
- inference questions (where the answer isn't directly in the text, and the children have to 'read between the lines' to find the answer).

It is important that the children read/share the text every day and have someone model how it should be read.

There are questions on these pages which can be answered on the PDF page.

Good luck, and many thanks for you continued support.

Lesson four- inference and deduction.

L.O: I can draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence

Steps to success

How can I use inference well?

- Check what the question needs from you. Is it an opinion?
- Think about what you already know about the text- characters, plot, setting;
- What atmosphere is the author trying to create? Could this help your answer?



Bug Brother
By Pete Johnson.

Let's share the
text together.

Chapter 1

All about Harry.

Paragraph 1

Harry is the most annoying younger brother in the entire universe.

Paragraph 2

For a start, he's always going into my bedroom, especially when I'm not there.

Paragraph 3

I'll come home and find he's left all my computer games out everywhere. Or he's taken something out of my bedroom without even asking - the other day, he took my beanbag away and chucked it downstairs. Then Mum tripped over it and started having a go at me. He thought it was SO funny.

Paragraph 4

He's also really noisy and he wakes me up at night. His bedroom is right next to mine. So in the middle of the night, I'll hear him playing his story tapes or searching through his drawers for one of his games. Sometimes he'll even call my name out. 'Jamie, Jamie,' he shouts. If he's awake, I've got to be awake too.

Paragraph 5

But the worst thing of all- and this is a bit embarrassing- is that I'm two years and three months older than Harry, but he's taller than me. Half a head taller. I come up to the middle of his ear.

Paragraph 6

Of course Harry just loves being taller than me. And when someone mistakes him for the older one of us- well, he'll smile about that for days afterwards. It isn't fair, is it? I shouldn't have to look up to my little brother.

Paragraph 7

I don't tell anyone how bad I feel about this- except Reema. She lives in the road next to mine and she's my best friend. One time when I was complaining, Reema suggested I just ignore Harry, act as if he wasn't really there, I tried this. Whenever Harry came near me, I just closed my eyes and hummed to myself. But then he punched me, so I had to punch him back in self- defence, didn't I? Then we started having this massive fight until Mum came in and stopped us.

Paragraph 8

Guess whose fault it was? I'm the older one, so I should set an example.

Paragraph 9

Anyway, just when I thought my brother couldn't get any worse, there came a bombshell. I'd gone round to Reema's house after school. When I got back, Mum., Dad and Harry were looking so happy I thought we must have won the lottery at least.

Paragraph 10

Mum said, 'Good news, Jamie. We've just heard Harry is going to be in the borough sports. He's passed the trial for the school's sports day. He will be their youngest competitor.'

Paragraph 11

Mum and Dad were dead proud, I could see that.

Paragraph 12

But I just thought, why wasn't it me? My eyes were burning and my throat had gone very dry,

I'd entered the trials too, Dad must have realised what I was thinking because he said 'It'll be your turn next, Jamie.'

Paragraph 13

I didn't answer. My eyes were burning and my throat was dry.

Paragraph 14

Then Mum said, very quietly, 'You should say well done to your brother.'

Paragraph15

I glanced up. There was Harry waiting for me to say it, looking all smug and pleased with himself. He knew he could run faster than me and jump higher. He had it all.

Paragraph16

It wasn't fair.

Paragraph17

And I couldn't say well done to him. Instead I bolted out of the house.

Paragraph18

I heard Dad calling me.

'I'm going back round to Reema's,' I cried, and didn't wait for a reply.

Paragraph19

When I got to Reema's house, Mrs. Patel said, 'Oh you've just missed her. She's gone to tea with her nan. Can I give her a message?'

Paragraph19

'It's all right, thanks,' I mumbled.

Paragraph 20

I didn't want to go home. So instead I wandered into the wood opposite my house. I wasn't supposed to go in there without telling Mum or Dad first. I walked along with my head down muttering, 'Why do all the good things happen to my brother? I wish something really exciting would happen to me for a change.'

Paragraph 21

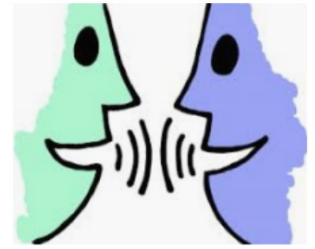
Then I looked up and stared in amazement.

Paragraph 22

You won't believe what I saw.....

Guided task.

You can find some clues to this question..

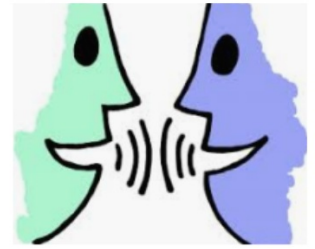


What do you think Jamie's hobbies might be?

Jamie's hobbies could be.....

Sharing answers.

You can find some clues to this question.



What do you think Jamie's hobbies might be?

Jamie's hobbies could be.....

... running, hurdling, high jump and javelin because he tried out for the borough sports day.

It could also be gaming and reading because he likes peace and quiet and being on his own.

Independent task.

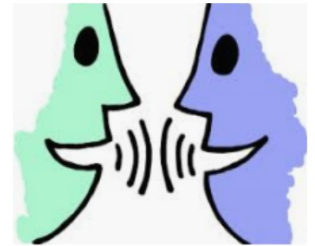
You can find some clues to this question.

What do you think Harry's hobbies might be?



Harry's hobbies might be.....

Sharing answers.



You can find some clues to this question.

**What do you think Harry's hobbies might be?
Give reasons for your answers.**

Harry's hobbies might be.....

... running, hurdling, high jump and javelin, just like his brother, because he was successful at the borough sport's.

Also, he may like playing the drums and listening to loud music because it says he was really noisy.

2. In the extract

I walked along with my head down, muttering, "Why do all the good things happen to my brother? I wish something exciting would happen to me for a change."

How do you think Jamie felt at this point? Give reasons for your answer.

Jamie may have felt.....

Sharing answers.

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How do you think Jamie felt at this point? Give reasons for your answer.

Jamie may have felt

Jamie may have felt dispondent at this point because Reema wasn't at home to help him, he was jealous of his brother and had had enough of everything going Harry's way.

Reflection

What have we learnt?

Today I have learnt....

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