

## **English Comprehension ANSWERS: The Hills**

### **Poem**

#### **Understanding the text**

1. The poet think the hills could be 'sleeping dragons'.
2. The trees look like tufts of fur.
3. The orange cliffs look like claws.
4. They were dreaming of strange old battles.
5. The poet wonders what would happen if the hills were really sleeping dragons and they woke up one day.

#### **Looking at language**

- 6a. Loom means appear a large threatening shape.
- 6b. Crouched means bent low.
- 6c. Wisp means something with a long thin, delicate shape.
- 6d. Hollows means dips or indentations in the ground.
- 6e. Stir means move.
- 6f. Clustered means huddled together.

#### **Exploring the Poem**

7. Accept answers that suggest the hills are at a distance because the poet cannot see them clearly so can imagine that they are dragons.
- 8a. They would look less like dragons because the poet could see them more clearly.
9. The 'wisp of smoke' could be as dragons breathe fire, the 'wisp' could be smoke from their mouths.
10. Smoke from the chimneys of the clustered house.
11. Accept answers that suggest in legends, dragons fought battles.
12. Accept individual answers suggesting amazement, fear, excitement and disbelief.

#### **Taking it further**

13. Adult to mark personal answers. Making sure children use P.E.E. to answer the text.
- Point – make your point
  - Explain – explain what you mean
  - Evidence – use evidence from the text to support your answer

## **English Comprehension ANSWERS: Trouble with Miss Gratwick**

### **Story**

#### **Understanding the text**

1. Miss Gratwick accuses Mike of calling out behind her back.
2. Mike thinks this is unfair because he had been trying to stop another boy from talking.
3. Miss Gratwick should have been cross with Chas.
4. Mike swiped at Chas's face which got him into trouble.
5. Miss Gratwick punishes Mike by giving Mike a painful knock on his head and made him stand behind the blackboard for the rest of the lesson.

#### **Looking at language**

6a. Suspicious by nature means naturally distrustful. Her first thought is to be suspicious.

6b. Got it in for you means determined to make his life difficult.

7a Scathing means criticising in a strong way.

7b. Ticked off means told off.

7c. Ignored means took no notice of.

7d. Bitterness means anger.

#### **Exploring the Characters**

8. Accept answers that suggest that she is mean, unjust, cruel or distrustful.

9. Miss Gratwick treats Mike badly and unfairly.

10. Chas comes across as quite unpleasant. He doesn't tell the truth about what happened. He seems to delight in Mike's situation.

11. Mike and Chas are good friends because they leave school together talking. Accept answers based on evidence from the text.

12. It seems odd as you may expect that Mike Would have nothing to do with Chas after what happened in class.

13. Accept answers that suggest Mike doesn't tell Chas what he is going to do because he doesn't yet know what he is going to do.

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#### **Taking it further**

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