

Reading Comprehension Answers

The Rooks' Parliament

1a. *she wants to distinguish them from crows* 1b. *she believes that people confuse the two birds* 2. 'kind' 3a. 'chilling blue flame' 3b. *the light in the eyes of the dead rooks* 4. 'rookeries crown rough roadside trees' 5a. French 'parler'; to speak 5b. *to give the rooks a voice; speaking on their behalf; a reference to their 'assemblies' – 'where wisdom is made'* 6. *serious, solemn* 7. *they are harmless, gentle, and eat pests.*

Mammoth Find

1a. *a baby woolly mammoth* 1b. *to grab readers' interest and make them read on* 2. *cold, sparse Arctic area with few trees* 3. *northern Russia/Siberia* 4. *the animal is complete and well preserved* 5. *female* 6. 'lopsided' 7. *by selling them as souvenirs* 8. *illegal trade* 9. *around 10 000 years ago/during the Ice Age/Pleistocene era* 10. *'It is being sent to Japan for further tests.'*

Our Toilsome Journey

1a. *because they are so far in the distance* 1b. *they are dead and their branches are bare and leafless* 2. *to make themselves less noticeable by staying close to the ground* 3. *troops (armed forces)* 4. *midday ('about noon')* 5. (hot) *smell ('of the heather');* *sound ('the drone of the wild bees');* *taste ('of sleep in my throat')* 6. *the shadow of a sprig of heather moving to a chosen point would indicate the time to change shift;* 7. *(accept any reasoned answer).*

Remember, where the answer says 'accept any reasoned answer', you need to have explained fully and have referred to the text. Ask your parents and see if they think the answer is explained fully enough.

Dip and Pick Answers

2 adults and 3 children flying from London Heathrow = £1,517.

The total spent on flights = £4,162.

$£4,162 - £1,517 = £2,645$
 $£2,645 = 5$ adults flying from Manchester.

Window	Middle	Aisle
a	b	c
a	c	b
b	a	c
b	c	a
c	a	b
c	b	a

6 possible arrangements.

2 adults @ £529

$2 \times 529 = £1,058$

One possible approach...

Could be for each airport:

Manchester original price:

2 adults £1,058 + 3 children £1,296 = £2,354

Amended price:

2 adults - 4% = £42.32

3 children + 4% = £51.84

An increase of £9.52 flying from Manchester, the original option was better.

Manchester 2 adults price £1,058.

Birmingham 2 adults price $2 \times 479 = £958$.

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5 hrs 10 mins is needed so the latest they could leave is 9:12.

Mr and Mrs Mossley do have plenty of time if they left at 8:30 but have less than one hour spare.