**The Vacuum Cleaner Page 1 Questions**

Look at paragraph 1, beginning: *Sophie heard a very weird noise…*

1. What did Sophie do when she heard the ***very weird noise***?   
   (Tick **one**):
2. She cried.
3. She picked her nose.
4. She ran away.
5. She stood still.
6. She shouted for her mum.
7. How do you know that Sophie’s ball was a little bit damaged?

Now look at paragraph 2, beginning: *There it was again!*

1. Why do you think Sophie ***snapped her eyes tightly shut***?
2. Sophie’s forehead was ***clammy***. What does this mean?   
   (Tick **one**)
3. crusty
4. green
5. dry
6. damp
7. rough

Now look at paragraph 3, beginning: *The sound was most peculiar…*

1. Find and copy **two** adjectives which describe the noise   
   that Sophie heard.
2. The noise made Sophie experience **two** different feelings.   
   What were they?

Now look at paragraph 4, beginning: *Then, the memories flooded in…*

1. What was the ***enormous plastic snake*** that Dad had used?

Now look at paragraph 6, beginning: *Putting her sadness carefully…*

1. Why did Sophie wonder ***whether or not to open her eyes***?

Now look at paragraph 7, beginning: *Behind the faded green…*

1. At what was the creature behind the curtains looking?

**The Vacuum Cleaner – Page 2: Questions**

Look at paragraph 1, beginning: *Shooting out from its hiding place*

1. Find and copy **one word** which tells us that the creature   
   was very unusual and remarkable.

Now look at paragraph 2, beginning: *Sophie squealed…*

1. Why do you think that Sophie cried out?

Now look at paragraph 3, beginning: *In that split second…*

1. What is a ***split second***?

(Tick **one**):

1. A pair of trousers with a rip in one knee.
2. A kind of creamy banana pudding.
3. A very small duration of time.
4. Someone who helps both of a pair of duellers.
5. An elaborately worked piece of gold jewellery.
6. What particular thing reminded Sophie of her dad’s antics?

Now look at paragraph 5, beginning: *A terrific crash…*

1. Find and copy **one word** which tells us that Sophie loved   
   her bouncy ball.

Now look at paragraph 6, beginning: *“Sophie, what on earth…*

1. What did Sophie’s mother want to know?

Now look at paragraph 7, beginning: *The door to the kitchen opened…*

1. Sophie admitted to playing with the vacuum cleaner when   
   she had not. Why do you think she didn’t tell the truth?