

# Pupil tests

The tests on pages 23 to 25 will show how well you can:

*Understand words*

*Find information*

*Identify the main idea*

You will be working on your own.

Read the recount.

## Lost diamond

1. One day, Mum and Dad were carting water from the windmill to the water tanks next to our house. It is about one kilometre across sand tracks and they had to make about ten trips. They carted the water in a smaller tank that Dad put on the back of our really old rusty truck. Mum drove the truck and Dad used a small motor and transferred the water in and out of the tanks. It had been a long, hot summer and we had consumed all the rainwater we had collected during winter.
2. They had just finished their last run and Dad was removing the tank from the truck when Mum let out a terrible scream. We all raced over and saw that she was standing, staring at her hand, unable to move. Her face was white with shock and she couldn't speak.
3. 'Julia what's wrong, what's wrong?' Dad asked as he put his arms around her.
4. Mum just pointed to the ring on her finger. It was the engagement ring Dad had given her many years ago, before they had left Ireland. It was her pride and joy. There was now a black hole where the diamond should have been. Mum just sobbed and sobbed.
5. 'We'll just have to locate it', said Dad. 'Come on kids.' And he marched off to the shed where he made us all frames out of flywire and told us to start sifting the sand. We all worked frantically for a couple of hours, looking very carefully for something glinting in the mesh. But the sun was going down and Dad said we would have to stop and resume in the morning.
6. Mum said she'd put the truck in the shed and she walked away so sadly. Four or five minutes later she came racing back with a smile from ear to ear. She'd found it! We couldn't believe it but she took us back to the shed to show us.
7. We gathered around her as she explained what had happened. She had been driving the old truck with its rusted-out floor when she noticed a reflection on a bit of metal jutting out across a huge hole. She was curious and leant over to see what it was. To her amazement, there was her diamond, as she said, 'winking at her'. The sun was very low and must have just been at just the right angle to hit the diamond.
8. Dad said it was a miracle that it hadn't been dislodged by the bumps along the rough sand track and that it had fallen the right way up on the piece of rusty metal. He added that if he hadn't seen it with his own eyes, he never would have believed it.

