

## Sam's wonderful shell

Sam liked going to Mrs Brown's with Mum. Mum was a home help. She went every day to look after Mrs Brown's house.

She washed the dishes, made the bed, cleaned the floors, and polished the furniture.

Sam liked the house because it wasn't a bit like his own home.

He lived in a high block of flats. There, everything was new and shiny. There weren't nearly as many cupboards or secret places.

But in Mrs Brown's house there were lots of interesting things, and almost everything had a story about it.

There was a row of old china mugs in a cabinet with a glass front. There was a shining silver teapot. There was a small box with medals which Mrs Brown's husband had won when he was a soldier.

But best of all, there was the shell.

"I got this at the seaside when I was little - oh, just five years old. It came from Scotland. Hold it to your ear. Now listen. If you listen very carefully, you can hear the sea."

Sam put it to his ear and listened. Sure enough he could hear the sea roaring in the distance.



Answer in sentences.

- 1 How often did Sam's mother go to Mrs Brown's house?
- 2 Make a list of the jobs that Sam's mother did for Mrs Brown.
- 3 How old was Mrs Brown when she got the shell?
- 4 Is it true that Sam's house was just like Mrs Brown's?
- 5 Why do you think that Sam thought the shell was wonderful?
- 6 Why do you think Mrs Brown needed a home help?