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William the Helper

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A. Complete these sentences

A. 1. ~~Ans~~ - Everyone was horrified when they realised William was stuck inside the van because...

Ans - Everyone was horrified when they realised William was stuck inside the ~~for~~ van because they had put in a lot of effort to get the piano into the van. To get William out of the van, to get William out of the van would mean to move the piano and other furniture all over again.

2. When William realised he was stuck inside the van, he decided to...

Ans - When William realised he was stuck inside the van he decided to get out at any cost.

3. Mrs Brown wanted William to go with the first van because...

3. Mrs Brown wanted William to go with the first ~~van~~ van because that way he wouldn't get in their way of moving furniture from the old house into the van.

4. When Mrs Brown saw William on the roof, she felt

Ans- When Mrs Brown saw William on the roof, she felt terrified and her heart stood still with shock.

B.1 What was William supposed to be helping his family with?

Ans- William was ~~su~~ supposed to be helping the family in moving furniture from their old house to the new one.

2. How was moving the piano a challenge?

Ans- The movers tried to get the piano out of the drawing room in ~~every~~ every way possible. The first ~~me~~

method took a ~~piece~~ piece out of the doorpost. The second made a deep mark on the piano. The third knocked over the grandfather clock, which fell crashing down and breaking a plant stand on its way. Finally the piano was brought out into the hall, leaving a broken door handle and a torn chair cover behind. The next difficulty was to lift it ~~it~~ into the van. The whole house along with the movers was required to raise it to the van.

3. William had one of his brilliant ideas then.

Ans- What did William want to help with?

Ans- William wanted to help by unlocking the door of a small bedroom at the top of the stairs in the new house, which would ease the work of the unpackers.

b. What was his idea? Was it truly 'brilliant'?

Ans- His idea was to climb up the roof and get down the chimney and open the door from inside. It was not really a brilliant idea.

c. How did the plan fail?

Ans- His plan failed because once he climbed up the roof, he couldn't locate the right ~~the~~ chimney and while trying them all, he realised they were ~~there~~ all too little for him to get down.

4. "I wasn't scared a bit. I just wanted to get down. I'll go on helping."

a. Was ~~with~~ William scared? Why does he say he wasn't?

Ans- William was scared. He denied that he was scared because he didn't want the others to think that he was

frightened.

b. How do you think his family felt when William promised to continue helping? How do we know?

Ans- His family felt worried and tense when William promised to continue helping. His family tried to persuade him to sleep at an earlier hour than usual so that he would be less in their way.

~~a. How do you think~~

c. Think and answer

William the Conqueror was a king of England who brought many changes to the country and made it one of the most powerful kingdoms in the world. He was feared and respected by all. The name of this story - William the ~~the~~ Helper - is a joke based on this king. How does this title make fun of the schoolboy William?

c) Ans- Even though the story is titled William the Helper, in reality he was more of a troublemaker, increasing the work of his house members and the movers in his attempt to help them. The title is sarcastic and funny.

Appreciating the Text

William gets angry at others for his mistakes - William was resting in the van instead of moving out of the way when the others were trying to load the furniture. When he finally came out after removing the furniture with great difficulty, he angrily complained to the others for blocking him up in the van.

William thinks himself brilliant and helpful - i. William thought he was being very helpful throughout the moving process. One such example is when he complained that he needed to rest in the van after helping all morning.

- ii. He considered his idea of climbing up the roof and getting down ~~at~~ the chimney to unlock the door of the room, brilliant.

William's family is tired of his 'help' - iii. ~~Mrs~~ Mrs Brown wanted William to go with the first van because that way he wouldn't get in their way of moving furniture from the old house into the van.

iv. His family tried to persuade him to persuade him to sleep at an earlier hour than usual, so that he would be less in their way.