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## Reading

A. Complete these sentences.

1. Everyone was horrified when they realised William was stuck inside the van because they had put in a lot of effort to get the piano into the van. ~~being~~ 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 get out at any cost.
3. Mrs Brown wanted William ~~realised~~ ~~he was~~ 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.
4. When Mrs Brown ~~wanted~~ saw William on the roof, she felt terrified and her heart stood still with shock.

B. Answer these questions.

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

Ans: William was supposed to be helping the family in moving furniture from their old to new house.

2. ~~When William~~ How was moving the piano a challenge?

Ans: The movers tried to get the piano out of the drawing room in every way possible. The first method took a piece out of the doorpost. The third knocked over the grandfather's 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 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".

a. What did William want to help with?

Ans = William wanted to help by unlocking the door of a small bedroom at the top stairs in the new house which could 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 chimney and while trying them all, he

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realised they were all too little for him to get down.

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

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

Ans = William was very 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.

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 the story - William the Helper - is a joke based on this king. How does this title make fun of the schoolboy?

Ans = Even though the story is titled William the helper, in reality he was more of a trouble maker, 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  
Here are some reasons why  
William the helper is a  
humorous story. Complete this  
table in your notebook with  
examples from the text that  
support these reasons.

(i) William's help does more ~~danger~~  
damage than help.

Ans = William tests the newly painted  
gate of the house by leaning against  
it.

(ii) William gets angry at others  
for his mistakes.

Ans = William was resting inside 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 others.

for blocking him in the ~~way~~ van.

(iii) William thinks himself brilliant and helpful.

- 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 ~~the~~ morning.

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

(iv) Williams family is tired of his 'help'.

Ans Mrs Brown wanted William to go with the first van because that way he ~~was~~ wouldn't get in their way of moving furniture.

(✓) from the old house <sup>into</sup> ~~to~~ the new one van.

• His family tried to persuade him to go to the bed earlier hour than usual so that he would be less in their work.

### Using words

What are the people in these sentences feeling? Underline the words that express these emotions.

1. "I can't finish studying before the exam" said Naina despairingly.  
despairingly - feeling of giving up hope

2. Tanay asked eagerly, "Are mangoes in season yet?"

Eagerly - looking forward to something with a lot of excitement



3. Sharply - unfriendly and stern

"Don't answer before you've heard the whole question," Mrs Mehta said sharply.

4. "Just leave me alone", Fred said wearily.

Wearily - extremely tired and exhausted

5. "I nearly crashed the cycle into the bus," Ali said weakly.

Weakly - Scared and shaken.