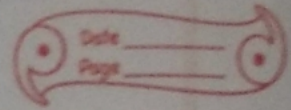


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William the Helper



Reading

A. Complete these sentences

1. Everyone was horrified when they realised William was stuck inside the van because ~~as~~ they had put in a ~~lot~~ lot of effort to get the piano into 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 ... get out at any cost.
3. Mrs Brown wanted William to go with the first van because ... that way ~~so~~ 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 ... terrified ~~in~~ 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 house to the new one.

2. How was moving a 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 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 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 the small bedroom at the top of the stairs in the new house, which would ease the work of the removers.

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 realised they were 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 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 other 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.

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 helper - is a joke based on this king.

How does this title make fun of the schoolboy William?

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 ~~to~~ them. The title is sarcastic and funny.

APPRECIATING THE TEXT

William's help does more damage than help.	William gets angry at others for his mistake.	William thinks himself brilliant and helpful.	William's family is tired of his help.
William test the newly painted gate of the house by leaning against it.	William was resting in the van instead of moving out of the way when the other were load ^{trying to} load the furniture. When he finally came out after removing the furniture with great difficulty, he angrily	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 the morning.	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.
		ii. After considering his idea of	ii) His family

complained	climbing up the	tried his to persuade him
to the other roof	and getting	to sleep at an earlier hour
for blocking down the chimney		than usual, so that he would
him up in	to unlock the door	be less in their way
the van.	of the room, brilliant	

USING WORDS

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

- "I can't finish studying before the exam," said Naina despairingly.
despairingly - feeling of giving up hope.
- Tanay asked eagerly, "Are mangoes in season yet?"
eagerly - looking forward to something with a lot of excitement.
- "Don't answer before you've heard the whole question," Mrs Mehta said sharply.
Sharply - unfriendly and stern.
- "Just leave me alone," Fred said wearily.
wearily - extremely tired and exhausted.
- "I nearly crashed the cycle into the bus," Ali said weakly.
weakly - Scared and Shaken

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