

Extracts

Level 1

Answer Key

A New Home for Socks

'Penny looks at the little puppy and thinks about the bin. She can't put Socks back into the bin. She can't take him to the park because it is too cold. Socks needs her. He's very small and it's cold outside. She walks round the apartment. She thinks about her old home. In her old home there are cupboards and there are sheds in the garden. And there are big wardrobes for their clothes in all the rooms. Here there are cupboards in the kitchen but her clothes are still in suitcases.

"That's it!" Penny has an idea. She takes the clothes out of one suitcase and puts a towel inside. It is soft and warm now. Then she puts Socks into the suitcase and she puts the suitcase under her bed.

David and the Great Detective

David runs quickly along one side of the factory. He looks around the corner - and sees a group of four boys. A tall boy with red hair is riding a bike. David remembers him from the morning.

A small boy is looking at him. He is unhappy.

'Come on, it's my turn to ride the bike now,' the small boy says.

'Shut up, Bobby. You can wait,' the red-haired boy replies.

The two other boys laugh. One of them says, 'You can have a ride tomorrow!'

It's the other boy from that morning. There are six bikes next to the wall. The two boys have got cans of paint and they are spraying the bikes blue.

Zadie's Big Day

They have football practice after school. Petty the Pirate talks to the team before they start.

'OK girls, the final's on Saturday. Greenford are a good team. They're strong. They're fast. And they play hard. But I'm sure you can win.'

'With Zadie in the team, we can beat anyone,' says Holly. And all her team-mates agree.

Zadie is a bit embarrassed, but she is looking forward to the match.

She loves football. And she loves winning.

'The final's at the local stadium. The kick-off is at 10.30. Can you all get there by 10 o'clock?' Everyone says 'yes'. And then they run onto the football pitch.

Next Door

It's two o'clock in the morning. I can't sleep. I'm looking in my magazines and searching on the Internet. I know Sirius, the star. Do you want to see it?

If it's winter and, like me, you live in the northern hemisphere, go outside and look to the east.

That's where the sun appears in the morning. Can you see three bright stars in a line? They're the three stars of Orion. Follow the line of stars and you can see a very bright star. That's Sirius! Some people call it the Egyptian star or the dog star.

And the planet Medacalon? I search astronomy.com and it says: 0 results. I look in Wikipedia and it says: No page with that title exists. I look in Yahoo answers and it says: *Sorry, no results*. I look in Google and it says *Do you mean medalon?* No, I don't. I mean Medacalon. But Medacalon doesn't exist.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Then the wind picks up the house and carries it away.

The little house spins slowly round and round in the cone of the cyclone. Up and up it goes. Soon it is high in the sky. Dorothy and Toto are very frightened. Toto starts barking. 'It's alright, Toto,' Dorothy says to him. 'I'm here.'

The wind carries the house for miles and miles. Now Dorothy can stand up because the house isn't spinning any more. She goes and sits on her bed. She holds Toto in her arms and waits. Hours pass. It gets dark outside. The wind continues to blow. Toto falls asleep. Dorothy isn't afraid any more. She closes her eyes and falls asleep too.