STAGE 12

Cool Clive

Reading Comprehension
1  I can get you a pair from the market for half the price.
2a  at home (in the kitchen)
2b  on the street (outside a shop)
3  pond/lake/river gardens mud manure
4  huge/big dust spooky

Hamper’s Great Escape

Reading Comprehension
1a  past tense
1b  will find
1c  yes
1d  It can change its tense.
2a  whispered/asked
2b  whispers/asks
2c  will whisper/will ask
3  walked stuck sniffed

Scrapman

Reading Comprehension
1  at a scrapyard
2  cookers cars
3  a thunderstorm breaks out
4  a shed
5  corrugated iron
6  a garage
7  a fence
8  a fire escape
Robbie Woods and his Merry Men

Reading Comprehension

1  at school
2  in the playground
3a  actions/sword-fighting
3b  in the Greenwood tree
3c  in the park
4a  the supermarket
4b  the road
4c  the zebra crossing
5a  it had a good echo
5b  to store furniture and other things he had brought from his old house

Clive Keeps His Cool

Reading Comprehension

1a  personal opinion, but probably 7-11 years
1b  to make the story appeal to children of that age
1c  going on a school trip
2a  Miss Strictly
2b  as a joke – a joke that children will enjoy
3ab  personal preference, though Gary, who laughs at Clive, will be a popular choice
4  personal preference – presumably for school children aged 7-11
The Lie Detector

Reading Comprehension

1a Gemma tells lies.
1b *personal opinion* – *perhaps because Gemma is the only person who listens to her boasting*
2 confused
3 For instance, my mum buys me lots of new clothes./She buys me whatever I want.
4 She starts crying.
5 They fall silent. They don’t clap, cheer or tell Gemma’s friend how clever she is.

STAGE 13

The Case of the Smiling Shark

Reading Comprehension

1 his name
2 *personal preference* – *but Foxy does volunteer people for things without asking them first*
3 He has to wear his best suit.
4 He has found a pound coin.
5 Wesley gives the coin back.
6 *personal preference, based on what Gordon has done, why he has done it, what might happen to him ...*
The Goalie’s Secret

Reading Comprehension

1. He tries to cheer him up even though he has played badly.
2a. She is very cross with him.
2b. She recognizes him as a goalie.
2c. She saves his shots.
3a. having to wear the mattress suit
3b. He realizes she has trained him well.
4. He stops Mrs Frost going to the match.
5. He goes to see Mrs Frost.

I Wish, I Wish

Reading Comprehension

1. Bloodmoney
2. He offers Debbie £1000 for the lamp.
3. to polish it up a bit
4a. as many as she liked (in two hours)
4b. She must make the wishes in two hours and she must pay for all she wishes.
5. personal preference

Waiting for Goldie

Reading Comprehension

1. only pigeons
2. he shouts
3. evil
4. They both have helpless chicks.
5. They fly well./They are very beautiful.
6. for food
The Ultimate Trainers

Reading Comprehension

1a running
1b Kevin
1c Jake
2 Anna
3a athlete
3b Athletes in the future don’t run – they design shoes that run by themselves.
4a Kevin/Beadle
4b the trainers
5a meeting time travellers
5b doing well in the race/seeing Kevin (Beadle) make a fool of himself

The Personality Potion

Reading Comprehension

1a Danny’s mum
1b Danny
2a Danny
2b because the play is about gangsters
3a Uncle Hal
3b He invents a special potion.
4 They see Danny stand up to him.
5 He performs brilliantly at the audition.
STAGE 14

Okay, Spanner, You Win!

Reading Comprehension

1  Dad
2  Spanner
3  Harry
4  Dad
5  Spanner
6  Cropper
7  Mum
8  personal preference

Grace the Pirate

Reading Comprehension

1  Grace Barry
2  James Riordan
3  Grace O’Malley
4  Grace O’Malley
5  fact
6  opinion
7  personal preference
Danny’s Secret Fox

Reading Comprehension

1a personal preference – but probably rude
1b ‘No,’ said Danny./Danny grunted and went back to his cornflakes
2 He lost his job when the factory closed.
3 a bully
4 He rescues an injured sparrow.
5 He is late.
6 personal preference

Petey

Reading Comprehension

1a the Ultra-Reality machine
1b six months
1c how it works, what it does
2a having to play jet-soccer
2b Dad won’t practise with him.
2c Petey (and the thought of lunch)
3a the Corrections Squad van
3b Her jet-pack is out of fuel
3c He is worried about his friend Sam.
The Night of the Ticklers

Reading Comprehension

1ab personal preference – presumably don’t like him because he gets cross with children who were giggling when they were bored.
2ab personal preference
3 suggests they go and find whatever has landed
4 personal preference – presumably to make it more shocking when they turn out to be evil aliens
5 personal preference – presumably winking at the children

Climbing in the Dark

Reading Comprehension

1 the past
2 a girl
3 poor
4 sad
5 happy
6a Will
6b Mr Fry/The chimney sweep
7 shining shoes