


## Test B: Comprehension

Test time: 0 5 10 minutes



Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### The Suitcase

Jim pushed open the bedroom door and tiptoed in. Nobody had been here for years. There was dust in the air and the room smelled old and musty. Heavy curtains hung at the window and although they were mostly open, the miserable day meant there was little light. He walked to the bed when a sound on the wooden floorboard made him look down. It looked like he had kicked an old metal bottle top. Jim bent down and, as he did so, his eyes drifted to under the bed. There was a large suitcase under the bed and something made Jim feel very curious. 5

He knelt on the floor and looked at the suitcase. It was black, old and dusty and something about it worried Jim, although he wasn't sure why. Jim touched it. The leather felt cold but soft. He pulled the suitcase towards him. It felt so heavy. The suitcase had a dull, metal lock on it with a small key hanging from a thread already in the lock. Jim turned the key. It clicked open. Jim's hands and head felt hot, and his heart was racing. He gripped the lid with both hands and very slowly opened the suitcase. As he did so, a look of pure shock formed on his face. Jim took in the contents of the suitcase. It was full of money. Bags of coins, bundles of notes – not modern money, but old money like Jim had seen on television programmes. Suddenly, there was a sound downstairs. Jim swallowed hard. He was not alone ... 10  
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1 What made Jim look under the bed?

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- 2 How do you think Jim felt at the end of the text and why?  
Use the text to support your answer.

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- 3 Find **FOUR** words that are used to describe the old suitcase.

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- 4 How do you think Jim felt just before he opened the suitcase?  
What words in the text make you think this?

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- 5 How does the text describe what was in the suitcase?  
Find **FOUR** examples.

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Total  13

# Answers

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## Test 18: Comprehension

- 1 A sound from an old metal bottle top on the wooden floorboard made Jim look under the bed.
- 2 Jim felt worried or scared (1 mark) because he realised that he was not alone in the house (1 mark).
- 3 1 mark each for any four of the following words: large, black, old, dusty, cold, soft, leather, heavy, full.
- 4 Jim felt scared or nervous before opening the suitcase (1 mark) as the text says 'Jim's hands and head felt hot and his heart was racing' (1 mark).
- 5 1 mark each for any of the following four answers: there were bags of coins; there were bundles of notes; the money was not modern; the money was old like Jim had seen on television programmes.