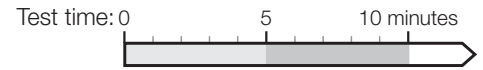


Test B: Comprehension



Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Unfortunate Episode with the Toothpaste

“Don’t mess about in the new bathroom,” Mum shouted to Jake. Jake looked at himself in the new mirror that hung in the bathroom and copied his mum’s words in a high-pitched voice while shaking a finger at his reflection. It made him laugh. He surveyed the room with little interest. Without thinking too much about it, he picked up the huge tube of new toothpaste and took off the cap. He only meant to squeeze a tiny amount onto his toothbrush, but impishness gave him a brave edge and instead, he squeezed hard and a big, fat, minty slug appeared on his toothbrush bristles. “Eugh!” Jake thought in disgust. He squeezed really hard this time and a white phantom snake appeared to slither over the bristles and up the handle of the brush. Jake laughed at how funny it looked. He shook his brush and toothpaste flew off the brush and into the new sink. Jake squeezed the tube again and again as he spelled his name out across the sink bowl. This was so much fun!

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“Jake!” Mum yelled. “Are you in bed yet?” Jake came to his senses and looked at his handiwork. The huge tube of toothpaste was now three-quarters empty and the sink bowl was covered with toothpaste. Hurriedly, Jake decided he needed to tidy up, so he began scooping up the toothpaste, ready to push it back into the tube, but try as he might, he could not get any toothpaste back into the tube. Jake began to panic, but nothing he did would get any of it back into the tube. He could hear Mum’s footsteps coming up the stairs, closer and closer. Jake could picture his mum’s face and it would not be a happy face ...

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- 1 What did Mum tell Jake he must not do?



- 2 Find **TWO** things that Jake did to make himself laugh.



3 What is meant by the phrase ‘impishness gave him a brave edge’ (line 7)?

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4 Why did Jake feel disgust?

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5 What was Jake’s ‘handiwork’?

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6 Why did Jake panic? (line 19) Give **TWO** reasons.

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7 How do you think that Jake felt at the end of the text and why? Give **TWO** answers and support each by referring to the text.

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Total 12

Answers

Test 26: Comprehension

- 1 She told him that he mustn't mess about in the new bathroom.
- 2 1 mark each for any two of the following: he copied Mum's words; he shook his finger at his reflection; he made a toothpaste snake.
- 3 Impishness or naughtiness made him do something he knew he shouldn't do.
- 4 The toothpaste looked like a big, fat, minty slug.
- 5 Jake's handiwork was a bathroom sink full of toothpaste.
- 6 1 mark for each of the following points: Jake had done what Mum had asked him not to, so he would be in trouble; Jake could not get the toothpaste back into the tube.
- 7 1 mark each for any two of the following reasons and 1 mark for each reason why: Jake felt guilty (he had done what Mum had asked him not to); Jake felt worried (his mum was about to come in and see what he had done); Jake was frustrated (he couldn't get the toothpaste back into the tube); Jake felt panic (he knew he was about to be found out); Jake felt scared (Mum was going to come in angry and he might be grounded or made to tidy his room).