



Week Commencing 04.05.20



LO: To answer inference questions

An Unexpected Guest

It was five o'clock in the afternoon; there can be no doubt whatsoever about that as I looked at my watch less than ten minutes before it happened. It was exactly five o'clock in the afternoon when I received a most unusual and remarkable visit — a visit which has left an indelible impression on my memory. I was seated in an armchair in my private study in a small town on the west coast of England. It was a splendid afternoon. I was reflecting, as I frequently do, on the pleasant memories of bygone days (especially the happy days that I spent long ago among the coral islands of the Pacific), when I heard a tap on the door.

"Come in," I beckoned. A stranger immediately burst into the room, shut the door in my landlady's face and locked it. I was naturally surprised, though not alarmed, by the abrupt and eccentric conduct of my visitor, who stood before me with his arms folded, gazing at me and breathing hard.

"You are agitated, sir. please sit down," I said, pointing to a chair.



V I P E R S



1. How is the narrator feeling in the first sentence of this extract? Tick **one**.

- Resolute
- Irritated
- Dishevelled
- Self-centred

2. Give two ways in which the narrator of the text is portrayed as a calm individual.

1. _____

2. _____

3. Explain why the landlady may have been offended.

4. What impression is the reader given about the strange visitor in this extract
Discuss two aspects of his character, using evidence to support your answer.



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Genevieve's Discovery

Genevieve lived in a large house, surrounded by beautiful gardens. She had no brothers or sisters but she had a large playroom, filled with the nicest toys. Everyone thought that Genevieve must be perfectly happy but the little girl had often thought how willingly she would give up the room and all its playthings for a little brother of her own; someone she could take out in the garden for a walk and watch carefully, just as her mother watched her.

One day, Genevieve was walking in the garden, thinking of the little brother she so much wanted. Suddenly, she heard a curious sound. Quiet at first but growing louder, she could hear the sound of crying just beyond the garden fence.

Genevieve ran towards the fence and toiled in vain to climb over the thick boards which towered above her. Desperate and curious, she made her way to the garden gate, snuck through it and retraced her steps on the other side of the fence to find the source of the crying.

"Dear me!" she exclaimed at last. "Where have you come from?"



V I P E R S



1. How is Genevieve feeling in the third paragraph? Tick **one**.

- Perturbed
- Inquisitive
- Vexed
- Exhausted

2. Give two ways in which the author implies that Genevieve is quite young.

1. _____

2. _____

3. Explain why Genevieve's mother may have been cross.

4. What impression is the reader given about the character of Genevieve in this extract? Discuss two aspects of her character, using evidence to support your answer.

