

Answers to reading task

What does the word 'neat' mean in this sentence - 'This is a neat street.'

It means that it is tidy and organised.

Do Mr Plumbean and his neighbours like living in a neat street ?

Yes they do.

What did Mr Plumbean and his neighbours say ?

They said "This is a neat street."

How did the neighbours feel now ?

The neighbours were unhappy, cross and fed up.

Why were they feeling worried ?

Because Mr Plumbean's house spoilt their neat street.

Do you think Mr Plumbean wanted to paint his house again?

No.

Which words tell you that ?

The words 'I suppose I will' tell you that Mr Plumbean didn't want to paint his house again because he didn't say 'Yes I will', he just said 'I suppose I will'. The words 'went about his business' also tell you that he didn't want to paint his house again because he just went about his business as normal instead of getting on with painting his house.

Do you like Mr Plumbean's house now he has painted it ?

The answer to this question is your opinion so you may have said yes or no.

Why did Mr. Plumbean paint it like that ?

Because he liked the look of the big orange splot and decided he would add some more colour to his house.

What might happen next ?

Other people may like the look of his house and decide to paint their house in bright colours too (as we've already read this book, you know the answer to this question, but you could test your family !)