Reading task 2

You will find the answers to these questions on pp. 9 – 10 of the text

Remember - you don't need to answer in full sentences

<mark>2a – give/explain the meaning of words in context/2g – identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases –</mark>

What do these words mean ? Find them in the text to help you understand the context.

blotted - to cover so something can't be seen

mute - silent

tense - unable to relax

slumped - sit heavily in a heap

What does the word *blotted* suggest about the stars ?

It suggests that the stars can't be seen

Give two things that the words *mute* and *slumped* suggest about the atmosphere in the car.

It suggests the atmosphere is silent and people are sitting heavily in a heap, suggesting that they are sad

Give the meaning of the word *tense* in this sentence – *But tonight the radio was mute and so was Mam, and Mup sat in a tense bubble of silence under the glaring moon, her head buzzing with questions that Mam was not willing to answer.*

Unable to relax

Find and copy a phrase which shows that Mup was feeling anxious.

Mup sat in a tense bubble of silence

<mark>2b – retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction/2c – Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph/2f – identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole –</mark>

Write down two things that you are told about the night in the first paragraph.

The moon was strange and the stars couldn't be seen

What was different about Mam that night ?

Mam was normally chatty but that night she was silent

Write down two reasons why Mup was tense that night.

The night was strange and Mam was different

<mark>2d – make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text/2e – predict what might happen from details stated and implied/2h – make comparisons within the text –</mark>

Explain why Mup wanted to feel big.

Mup wanted to feel big because the night was strange, Mam was tense, Tipper was asleep and she wanted to feel big so she could feel more confident to be able to deal with the new situation.

Explain why Mup didn't want to start a conversation with Mam.

She knew that Mam was tense and didn't want to speak. She also heard Mam cursing and didn't want to make her even more angry.