

Answers to reading task 2

You will find the answers to these questions on pages 15 and 16 of the text

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

grinned - to smile a big smile

anxious - worried

protectively - to protect someone or something

shrill - high-pitched and piercing

What does the word *grinned* suggest about how Badger was feeling ?

It suggests he was feeling very happy because he has a big smile on his face.

What does the word *lumbered* mean in the following sentence ? *Her old friend thumped his tail against the walls and lumbered his head up under Mup's arm.*

He moved in a slow and awkward way.

Give the meaning of the word *anxious* in this sentence – *Both had anxious expressions, both were watching the door.*

It means they were both worried.

Find and copy a sentence which shows that the phone pierced the silence.

Its shrill call slicing the air.

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 –

Write down three things that you are told about Badger.

Any three from the following - he is an old black Labrador, he has a big flat head, he is going grey at the muzzle, he thumped his tail against the walls, he lumbered his head up under Mup's arm, he snuffed the interesting journey smells from Mup's hands and coat, he licked Mup's face, he growled when he looked at the front door, the hairs on his neck were stiff, he leapt when the phone rang.

Give two reasons why Mup looked anxiously at the front door.

Any two from the following -

The hairs on Badger's neck went stiff and he growled when he looked at the front door.

The wind moaned and rattled the letter box, battered the wood and hissed against the glass.

Mup wondered if Mam had locked the door.

Write down three things that you are told about the weather on pages 15 – 16.

The wind moaned and rattled the letter box, battered the wood and hissed against the glass.

The wind pounded at the front door.

The storm paused when Mup was talking to Dad.

2c – Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph –

In your own words, describe what happened on pages 15 and 16.

Mup and Badger were delighted to be reunited but both were extremely anxious at what was happening outside their front door. When the phone rang, making them both jump, Mup was relieved to hear that it was Dad ringing from the oil rig.

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 –

How can you tell that Badger was anxious ? Give two reasons.

The hairs on his neck were stiff and he growled.

Why might Badger have felt anxious ? Give two reasons.

He wondered if there was something threatening outside the front door and he was protective of Mup because he knew she was anxious.

Why did Mup and Badger jump when the phone rang ? Explain your answer fully.

Mup and Badger were anxious and on edge because they could hear noises outside the front door and wondered what was out there. Mup didn't know if the door was locked and wondered if the witches would come in. Therefore, when the phone rang shrilly, as they were tense already, the sound made them jump.