

Reading task 2

You will find the answers to these questions on pp. 13 - 15 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 –

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

diminished

illuminating

churned

frenzy

What does the word *churned* suggest about the weather ?

What does the word *illuminating* mean in the following sentence ? *Mam turned the car and the headlights splashed the front of their house, illuminating the flower beds, the bushes, the big chestnut trees.*

Give the meaning of the word *diminished* in this sentence – *She knelt up, twisting against her seat belt, and looked behind as the trees diminished in the distance.*

Find and copy a phrase which shows that the storm was getting wilder.

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 –

According to the text, what did Mup think about the witches as she watched them race through the shadows ?

Number these facts in the order in which they happen –

Mum stared out of the back window.

Mup ran quickly across the lawn.

Mam put Tipper to bed.

The witches tracked the car all the way home.

Mup wanted to tell Mam about the witches.

Write down two occasions when Mup thought she saw or heard the witches on pages 13 – 15.

Write down three things that you are told about the weather on pages 13 – 15.

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

In your own words, describe what happened on pages 13 – 15.

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 Mup still thinks she may not have seen the witches after all, that she may have been dreaming ?

How does the weather match Mup's mood as they arrived home ?