

## **Week 6 Session 5 English: Reading Comprehension**

1. disastrous
2. exhausted / tired out / lacking energy
3. someone who works with you / co-worker

### **Retrieval:**

4. Mr Khan
5. behind a storage cupboard
6. (about) five minutes

### **Inference:**

7. She would have been in trouble, both with the school and her parents. The text says that *if her folks got another call from her teacher about her homework, it would be disastrous*. Therefore, we can guess that this had happened before and they would not be pleased if it happened again.
8. She saw the office was closed / she didn't want to wait until a teacher saw her waiting to get in / she spotted that Mr Khan had left his door open.
9. The teachers were robots/androids (or similar). We know this because they ran out of energy at the end of the day and had to be plugged in to recharge overnight.
10. The author was playing on the different meanings of the phrase *recharge your batteries*. In most cases, it just means that someone has to rest and regain some of their natural energy but here, because the teachers are powered by electricity, they *literally* needed to recharge their batteries at the end of the day.

### **Compare:**

11. At the beginning, Lily is probably a little scared of teachers because she doesn't want them to call her parents, nor does she want them to see her in school. However, when she sees Ms Eastwood grind to a halt, she feels *unexpected sympathy*, which means she feels sorry for them, probably because Ms Eastwood looks so tired. Alternatively, accept answers that suggest she feels sympathy for them, but this turns to amazement, confusion or even fear when she realises that the teachers in her school are actually robots.