

Skellig

Summer 2 Week 3 English

This half term, you are going to be reading extracts from the book *Skellig* by David Almond and completing reading, writing and grammar activities about it.

Session 3

Activity 1

Read chapters 6, 7 and 8 of *Skellig* (don't worry they are very short) before answers the questions below. You can find the chapters in the document 'Skellig Extract 3'.

Vocabulary Questions.

1. Michael describes himself as 'famished'. What does that mean? (page 21)

Famished means that he was really hungry.

2. Which phrase tells you that Michael has had a good idea? (page 20)

The phrase is 'it was like a light went on in his head'

3. What does the word 'clogging' mean? (page 17)

Clogging means blocking up. The dust was blocking up his nostrils.

Inference Questions (remember to explain your answers clearly)

4. Michael 'chewed his lip' when he was speaking to the man. Why does he do this? (page 17)

He chews his lip because. **Any of the options below.**

- a) he was worried about the man
- b) he was worried/nervous/anxious
- c) he was scared of the man

5. Michael puts the left over take away in the outside bin. Why do you think that his? (page 21)

I think he used the outside bin because **Any of the options below.**

- a) He wanted the man in the garage to be able to get it.
- b) He did not want his dad to see it.

Predict Question

6. Do you think Michael and Mina are going to be friends? What makes you think that? (page 19)

There are many possible answers. There are 2 examples below.

Yes because she says 'nice to meet you' which means suggests she is pleased she has met him and wants to see him again.

No because she used a 'bored-sounding' voice. If she is bored of Michael, she probably doesn't want to be friends with him.

Explain Question (remember to explain your answers clearly)

7. Is the use of short responses by the man effective? What is the writer trying to show? (page 18)

There is more than one answer. There is an example below.

The author is trying to show that the man does not want to talk to Michael. The short sentences are effective because it makes it sound like the man is being rude to Michael and doesn't want to give him any information.

Retrieve questions

8. What does the man in the garage want from Michael? (page 17)

The man in the garage wants aspirin.

9. Something took mum's attention away from Michael. What was that thing? (page 21)

The thing that took mum's attention from Michael was the baby.