

YEAR 3 - Comprehension

Themed Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry Texts with Questions

Introduction

Year 3 Comprehension is a collection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts grouped in themes suitable for the age group. These exercises can be used to prepare children for SAT style tests or matched to themes the class may be studying at the time. The questions pages are split into three sections. Section A gives an overview of the text with missing words or phrases to find, Section B contains open-ended questions and Section C is a relevant written challenge for more able pupils or those who work quickly. All the pages have been printed 'Landscape' to make maximum use of the space on Interactive Whiteboards. Black and white images are used in the paper book; full colour images have been used in the e.book and download.

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Snow Chaos in Britain

Last winter, heavy snow caused all sorts of problems in Britain.

Many airports had to be closed because the snow fell more quickly than the runways could be cleared. Planes had to be sent to other countries to land. Some passengers were trapped inside planes on runways because they were already on board when the snow fell. The ground crews could not even get the steps back to the planes.

Fresh snow falling on icy roads made them very slippery. People struggled to get to work in their cars because of the traffic moving so slowly and the many accidents. One report told of a man phoning the police to report a jack-knifed lorry on the south bound carriageway of the M6 Motorway when suddenly, another lorry jack-knifed on the north bound carriageway! The road ended up completely blocked.

Hundreds of schools up and down the country were closed because of the snow. Local radio stations were used to inform parents about school closures. Many teachers got stuck on the roads and so were not available to take classes.



One Lancashire headteacher, Roger Wilson, skied to his school when the weather became really bad!

Many families decided to take advantage of the unexpected time off. Parents and children could be seen shooting down hillsides on sleds, making giant snowmen and having huge snowball fights. However, it was reported that swimmers in Budleigh Salterton did not change their plans because of the snow. "I swim in the sea every day of the year," said Mary Waters. "A bit of snow is not going to put me off!"

Snow Chaos in Britain

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Last winter snow caused problems in Britain. Many

1 **roads** **airports** **docks** **stations**

were closed because runways could not be cleared fast enough. People struggled to get to work by

2 **bicycle** **walking** **bus** **car**

because of the many accidents. The M6 motorway was completely blocked when

3 **two** **three** **four** **five**

lorries 'jack-knifed' in the snow. Many

4 **cars** **lorries** **buses** **teachers**

got stuck on roads and were not available to take classes. Parents and children could be seen shooting down hillsides on

5 **bicycles.** **snowmen.** **sledges.** **snowballs.**

However, in Budleigh Salterton, some

6 **athletes** **swimmers** **footballers** **cyclists**

did not change their plans because of the snow.

Section B

1 Which lady swimmer was not put off by the snow?

2 What made the roads 'very slippery'?

3 How did parents and children know if their school was closed because of the snow?

4 How did one headteacher get to school when the snow was really bad?

5 How do you think the people inside the plane felt when they were trapped by the snow?

6 What does the phrase 'take advantage of the unexpected time off' mean?

Section C

Write about all the things you would do if you were unable to go to school because of heavy snow!

The Monster Truck

Jake thought that he was having the best birthday ever when he opened a present containing an orange and blue Monster Truck with yellow and red flames painted across the bonnet. Just when he thought it couldn't get any better, he found an envelope tucked inside the truck box which contained tickets for 'The Mega Monster Truck' show at the City Arena that evening.

When Jake insisted on taking his new truck to the show, his brother laughed at him, "You don't need that! You're going to see the real thing."

Jake's seat was right next to where the trucks entered the arena. He ran his new truck along the top of the barrier as they waited. Suddenly, the stadium was filled with the sounds of roaring engines. Jake leaned over the metal wall, straining to where the trucks were trundling forwards.

"I can see them!" he yelled, "they're coming and they're huge, this big!" He spread his arms widely and to his horror his new truck slipped out of his fingers and down onto the roadway below. Within seconds it disappeared under the wheels of a colossal blue and silver truck.

When all the trucks had gone past, Jake looked down sadly at the roadway; his beautiful truck was flat and twisted. Dad put an arm round his shoulder, "Never mind," he said, "it was an accident. Try to enjoy the show, we'll sort it out later."

The trucks performed some amazing stunts and Jake was thrilled but as the stadium rang to the sound of applause at the interval, he remembered his poor truck. If only he'd left it at home.

He watched as one of the truck drivers bounded up the stairway and stopped at the end of their row.

"Where's the little boy whose truck got squashed?" he shouted. Jake put his hand up, scared that he was going to get into trouble.

"Come round to the trucks at the end of the show," the driver shouted, "and I'll make sure that you get a free ride!"



The Monster Truck

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Jake opened his birthday present. It was an orange and blue

1 **Monster Trike.** **Monster Bike.** **Monster Truck.**

Inside the box he found

2 **tickets** **money** **sweets** **passes**

for the Monster Truck Show that evening. Jake's

3 **coat** **bag** **seat** **truck**

was next to where the trucks came in. He was leaning over to see them when his truck

4 **was stolen.** **ended up on the floor.**

slipped from his fingers. **fell apart.**

Dad said,

5 **"Silly boy!"** **"Never mind."** **"Oh no!"** **"Be careful."**

During the interval a driver came over and offered Jake a

6 **new truck.** **free ride.** **bag of sweets.** **free ticket.**

Section B

1 Why did Jake think he was having the best birthday ever?

2 What did Jake find 'tucked inside the truck box'?

3 Why did Jake's brother laugh at him?

4 How do you think Jake felt when 'suddenly, the stadium was filled with the sounds of roaring engines'?

5 How do you think Jake felt when he saw 'his beautiful truck was flat and twisted'?

6 What did Jake think was going to happen when one of the drivers came looking for him?

Section C

Write a real or an imaginary account of your very own 'best birthday ever'.