Starlight3rd Class: Termly assessment 4 – Summer

Part 1: Comprehension

Read the text.

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| Campsite Terror  Jamie woke with a start. He could hear rustling noises just outside the tent. He tensed and listened hard, but the noises had stopped. Rolling over, he buried himself deep in his sleeping bag.  Earlier in the evening, Jamie’s brother, Ben, had told him a spooky story about a beast that often visited the campsite looking for campers to eat. Now Jamie imagined the savage beast lurking outside their tent. It was impossible to get back to sleep.  Swish, rustle, scuffle … The noises came again, louder this time. Jamie froze. There was **definitely** something out there … something huge. He imagined the beast unzipping the tent and poking its gigantic head inside with a **thunderous** roar. Now Jamie was sure that he could hear the beast fiddling with the tent zip. He forced himself to open his eyes. He peered into the gloom but he could barely **focus** in the darkness. **Frantically**, he searched for his torch and flicked it on.  The tent lit up in a beam of light. Jamie was sure he saw the shadowy image of an enormous beast through the canvas. Ben rolled over in his sleeping bag and yawned.  ‘What are you doing?’ he asked, **dazedly**.  ‘It’s … it’s the beast,’ Jamie stammered, trembling.  ‘Jamie, I **invented** that story,’ said Ben. ‘The beast is **imaginary**. Let’s take a look outside.’  Clambering over the sleeping bags, Ben began to unzip the tent.  ‘Don’t!’ Jamie shrieked – but it was too late. Ben pulled open the tent flap … to reveal a small red squirrel. The poor animal was frozen in terror, **stunned** by the bright torch light.  Ben burst out laughing, as if he found the whole thing **hilarious**. ‘There’s your beast, Jamie. It’s so scary!’  ‘Just wait until tomorrow, Ben,’ Jamie said. ‘I’ll think of a way to get my **revenge**!’ |

Tick the correct answers.

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| **1.** What was Jamie woken by?   A loud roar   Rustling noises   A scream  **3.** What did Jamie imagine was outside the tent?   A fierce dog   A shadowy ghost   A savage beast  **5.** What was really outside the tent?   A deer   A grey squirrel   A red squirrel | **2.** What did Ben tell Jamie that evening?   A spooky story   A funny joke   A secret  **4.** What did Jamie use to light up the tent?   A candle   A torch   His phone  **6.** Who was sleeping in the tent with Jamie?   His dad   His little sister   His brother |

B. Answer the questions.

**1.** What made Jamie imagine that the noises were made by a savage beast?

**2.** What did Jamie think the beast was about to do just before he searched for his torch?

**3.** Why did the red squirrel freeze in terror?

**4.** Why did Jamie tell Ben that he wanted revenge?

**5.** Do you think Jamie was brave in the story? Why or why not?

Part 2: Vocabulary

Underline the word closest to the meaning given.

**1.** terrifying thunderous horrible **2.** invented built destroyed

**meaning:** very loud **meaning:** made something up

**3.** light mirror focus **4.** tired cautious stunned

**meaning:** to see sharply and clearly **meaning:** shocked or astonished

**5.** possibly definitely unlikely **6.** frantic scared calm

**meaning:** certainly, without doubt **meaning:** in a hurried, anxious way

**7.** imaginary truthfully sensitively **8.** cruelty revenge triumph

**meaning:** not real, in the mind **meaning:** punish someone in return

**9.** brightly softly dazedly **10.** dull familiar hilarious

**meaning:** confused, can’t think clearly **meaning:** very funny

Part 3: Grammar

Choose the right word from the box to complete the following sentences.

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1. The twins packed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ own lunchboxes before school.
2. I think I saw a fox over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to be late for school again today.

Write the sentences, adding capital letters, full stops, question marks and speech marks where needed.

1. shannon went to cork to see her friend orla

1. can we please go to the cinema on tuesday asked eoin

1. i can’t wait for our holidays in spain next august said ryan

Choose suitable adjectives to complete the sentences. Circle the verbs and underline   
the nouns in each sentence.

1. Olivia stroked the puppy’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ears.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cyclist rode up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hill in record time.

Part 4: Writing

Write a story about a surprising event. For example, your story could be about a character getting a big shock, receiving a surprising gift or being surprised when something didn’t turn out as expected.

Remember to:

* Write a title for your story.
* Describe the setting and characters.
* Have a clear beginning, middle and end.
* Include a problem that needs to be solved.
* Use interesting adjectives.
* Check your spelling, grammar and punctuation.