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STAGE 2 · ENGLISH · READING PACK

Reading and understanding

Three texts to read and talk about, with questions that ask what the words say, what they mean, and what they do not say outright.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- The Lost Key
- How Bread Rises
- Market Morning
- How each one is worked

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3 texts · 24 questions

Written for a parent teaching at home. No training assumed, and nothing else to buy.

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The Lost Key

A story. Read it twice: once straight through, and once with the questions.



Bilal was the last one home. He reached into his pocket for the key and found a hole instead. The key was gone.

He walked back the way he had come, looking down. He passed the baker, who was shutting up. He passed the water tap, where the ground was always wet. He passed the low wall where he had stopped to tie his shoe.

The key was lying under the wall, half in the dust. Bilal picked it up and held it tightly all the way home. He did not put it back in that pocket.

1. What did Bilal find in his pocket?

He reached in expecting one thing and found another.

2. Where was the key?

The third paragraph says exactly where.

3. Who was shutting up?

He passed somebody who was closing.

4. Why had Bilal stopped at the low wall earlier?

The wall is described by what he did there.

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Quick check

One right answer each, and every answer is somewhere in the text it came from. Ring the letter.



1. The Lost Key How did Bilal carry the key home?

(A) The baker (B) Tightly (C) Under the wall (D) A hole

2. Market Morning Who calls out in the second part?

(A) The kettle (B) Oranges (C) The fish man (D) The barrows

3. How Bread Rises What are the little holes in a slice of bread?

(A) Where the gas was (B) The sugar in the flour (C) The heat of the oven (D) A gas

4. How Bread Rises What does the yeast feed on?

(A) The sugar in the flour (B) A gas (C) The heat of the oven (D) Flour, water, salt and yeast

5. Market Morning What sings in the poem?

(A) A crate (B) The fish man (C) The kettle (D) The barrows

6. The Lost Key Who was shutting up?

(A) A hole (B) Under the wall (C) The baker (D) Tightly

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How each one is worked, continued

THE LOST KEY, CONTINUED



8. WORK IT OUT **Why do you think Bilal walked back looking down?**

1. A key that falls through a hole lands on the ground.
2. So to find it he had to look down.

Answer: **Because the key would be on the ground**

HOW BREAD RISES

1. What four things is bread made from?

1. The passage says bread is made from flour, water, salt and yeast.
2. So the answer is **flour, water, salt and yeast**.

Answer: **Flour, water, salt and yeast**

2. What does the yeast feed on?

1. The passage says it begins to feed on the sugar in the flour.
2. So the answer is **the sugar in the flour**.

Answer: **The sugar in the flour**

3. What does the yeast make as it feeds?

1. The passage says as it feeds it makes a gas.
2. So the answer is **a gas**.

Answer: **A gas**

4. What kills the yeast?

1. The passage says the heat of the oven kills the yeast.
2. So the answer is **the heat of the oven**.

Answer: **The heat of the oven**

5. What are the little holes in a slice of bread?

1. The passage says the little holes are where the gas was.
2. So the answer is **where the gas was**.

Answer: **Where the gas was**

6. WORK IT OUT **Why is dough left in a warm place rather than a cold one?**

1. The passage says yeast begins to feed when it is mixed with warm water.
2. Feeding is what makes the gas that pushes the dough up.
3. So warmth is what gets the yeast working.

Answer: **Because yeast feeds and makes gas when it is warm**

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