

The garage

These questions will help you practise:

- * understanding words in context
- * identifying how language choices enhance meaning
- * making inferences
- * retrieving and recording information.

I hadn't explored the new house in detail yet, we'd only just moved in two days before. Something or someone drew me towards the dark and gloomy-looking garage. My family were inside eating – worrying about my older sister, again.

It was just me staring curiously at the garage. It resembled a building site or rubbish dump. A long stone path led you there and the door hung off its hinges, leaving a gap I could peek through.

When we first viewed the house, the estate agent stood outside the garage with his arms spread wide and said 'Think what it will look like once it's all cleaned up!' He looked at me with a cringy and stupid smile on his face. 'You could have a games room at the end of the garden!'

I wasn't interested, until now ...

I found her hiding in the dark section of the garage behind a set of broken suitcases, sitting in the dirt and dust, surrounded by cobwebs. She was pale and extremely filthy, and I was scared that she had died in that garage – but then I saw her arm twitch! I would soon find out I had discovered something terrifying but unusual. There probably wasn't another creature like her anywhere else.

1 Look at the first paragraph.
Find and copy one word that is closest in meaning to *being anxious about something*. 1
(1 mark)

2 According to the text, the garage is described as a *building site or rubbish dump*.
What does this description suggest about the garage? 2
(1 mark)

3 Look at paragraph 3.
Find and copy one word that is closest in meaning to *silly*. 3
(1 mark)

4 Do you think the boy liked the garage when he first saw it?
Refer to the text in your answer. 4
(1 mark)

5 Where was the strange creature in the garage? 5
(1 mark)

6 The creature had been there for a long time.
Give two pieces of evidence that suggest this. 6
(2 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

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Total for this text