

USB

VIPERS worksheet

Before reading

- What is a USB stick? What do you think this story might be about?

For the prediction questions, stop at the indicated point for each question.

Vocabulary

1. Explain what is meant by 'hit' as in 'caffeine hit'.
2. Find a phrase in the second paragraph that means 'did even better than usual'.
3. Define 'afflicted'.
4. Give a synonym for 'surveyed'.
5. What does 'perplexed' mean?
6. Define 'subdued'.
7. Suggest a word or phrase that would be a synonym for 'adamant'.
8. What is meant by 'full-throttle' in the context of 'full-throttle indignation'?
9. What is an 'escapade'?
10. Give a synonym for 'fervently'.

Inference

1. How does Miss Torrington think Mrs Shenton will react when she speaks to her after school?
2. Is this Year Five class an easy class to deal with? Find evidence in the text to support your answer.
3. What kind of activity is the class going to do after lunch? Be as specific as possible.
4. Is Josh's family wealthy? How do you know?
5. Do you think Miss Torrington will throw up after the story finishes? Why?

Prediction

- *Stop at the line, 'What on earth was going on?'*
What do you think is going on with Josh?
- *Stop at the line that finishes, ' ... went to the office to phone Josh's dad.'*
What do you think is going to happen?

- *Stop at the line, ' "I cleaned it really well, honestly!" '*
Can you guess where the USB stick has been?

Explain

1. Why did Aiden Thomas decide to try and climb out of the window earlier than usual today?
2. Why is Josh feeling miserable?
3. What does Mrs Deacon think of Miss Torrington's response to the news that Josh has run away?
4. How did Josh get the USB stick back from Frodo?

Retrieval

1. Why was Miss Torrington late for work?
2. Whose coat had its hood ripped off?
3. At what time does Ivy-Louise say she feels ill every day?
4. What is the name of the T.A. for Year Five?
5. Which school did Josh go to previously?
6. What is the name of Miss Torrington's school?
7. Which famous building did Josh choose to model for his homework?
8. How did Josh leave the school grounds?
9. Who is Mrs Deacon?
10. How long has Mrs Deacon worked at St. Stephen's?
11. What does Miss Torrington notice when she takes the USB stick out of the bag?
12. What kind of creature is Frodo?

Summarise

- Summarise the story in no more than ten words.