

# Cheat!

*Danny is staying with his Gran for a week during the summer holidays. He has nothing to do so he decides to explore and crawls through a hole in the fence into the garden next door.*

Danny felt quite safe as he looked around the garden. Everything was so overgrown, Mr King couldn't have been in it for years.

Feeling like a real adventurer Danny crept towards the shed. The door was half open and it creaked as he pushed against it. Inside the shed it was dark and musty. The window had ivy growing across it. Danny stood for a moment while his eyes got used to the gloom.

There were shapes and shadows. There were old tins and tools. Everything was covered with thick cobwebs. There was ivy inside the shed too. It had crept in through the gaps in the wood. For a moment it startled Danny, brushing against his bare arm.

In the corner something moved – rustled. Danny stiffened. Perhaps it was a mouse – or a rat. Perhaps this wasn't such a good idea after all.

Suddenly something was standing, looming over him; something tall and shadowy. Danny tried to swing round. In his panic, he knocked his elbow against the wall. There was the crash of things falling. Then, as the clatter and rattle died away, Danny heard breathing. It was a harsh, rasping sound. Through the gloom, a long, bony hand reached towards him ...



Name: ..... Class: ..... Date: .....

**1** “Danny felt quite safe as he looked around the garden.”  
Why do you think Danny felt quite safe?

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**2** Who do you think the garden belonged to? Tick **one**.  
 Danny       Mr King       someone else

**3** Why do you think it was dark inside the shed? Tick **one**.  
 Because the door was half open.  
 Because the window had ivy growing across it.  
 Because it was musty.

**4** “Danny stood for a moment while his eyes got used to the gloom.”  
Circle **one** word that has a similar meaning to *gloom* in the sentence.  
 smell      darkness      shed      brightness      light

**5** Name **two** objects that were in the shed.

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**6** Look at the paragraph beginning “Feeling like a real adventurer ...” to the paragraph ending “... brushing against his bare arm.”  
What impressions of the shed do you get from these two paragraphs? Give **two**.

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**7** Why was Danny startled?

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**8** What did Danny think was moving in the shed?

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**9** “Danny tried to swing round. In his panic, he knocked his elbow against the wall.”  
What impression does this give you of how Danny was feeling?

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**10** Find and copy a sentence that suggests Danny wishes he hadn’t gone into the shed.

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