

Key

Mr Stink

Reading comprehension

1. Because he doesn't have a home and can't have a proper wash. (p.11)
2. Mr Stink's dog. (p.13)
3. She's 12. (p.14)
4. *Student's own answer.*
5. The cat is named after Queen Elizabeth. (p.29)
6. He works at a car factory on the edge of town. (p.31)
7. For example: spoiled, younger, selfish, evil, mean, snotty.
8. Mr Stink has an antique silver knife and fork and a dirty gold-rimmed china plate. (p.37)
9. A vagabond or a wanderer is a person that wanders or travels from place to place. (p.40)
10. Tuesday 4pm – Creative writing workshop (p.43)
Wednesday 6pm – Tennis (p.44)
Friday 8am – Thai kick-boxing (p.45)
11. Chloe needs to study maths during the holiday. (p.47)
12. Raj runs the local newsagent shop. (p.50)
13. Chloe's mother is upset because the maths book doesn't have any maths in it. Chloe hasn't studied maths, she has been drawing in her book instead. (p.57)
14. For example because:
 - Her mother tears her book apart.
 - Her mother doesn't like her stories.
 - Her mother compares her to Annabelle.
 - She feels lonely.
15. Heavy and ice cold rain (p.62–63)

16. For example (p.68–69):
 - Her parents argue a lot.
 - Her mother threatens to divorce.
 - Her sister makes her life a misery.
 - Her mother tells her she needs to lose weight.
 - She wants her dad to stand up for himself.
 - She has a hard time making friends.
17. Mr Stink burped. (p.77)
18. Annabelle hands out leaflets for her mother's political campaign. (p.82)
19. She wants to ban homeless people from the streets. (p.88)
20. A person who is a soap-dodger doesn't use soap.
21. Because she didn't know he had been in a rock band. And she hadn't seen him with curly hair.
22. The electric guitar (p.95)
23. Because in the shed there is a bucket in the corner that Mr Stink can use as a toilet. (p.91)
24. The Times (p.104)
25. He couldn't sleep so he wanted her to read him a story. (p.108)
26. A story she has made up herself. A story about how the teachers at a school are vampires. It is the story that her mother tore up. (p.113)
27. *Student's own answer.*
28. The Prime Minister (p.120)
29. Chloe's dad is hiding under the stairs because he has lost his job and doesn't want to tell his wife. (p.123)
30. A Goth usually wears black clothes, white make-up and black hair-dye. (p.121)
31. Next Friday (p.134)
32. He doesn't read newspapers. He only watches Nuts and Zoo. (p.130)
33. Liquorice (p.131)
34. Annabelle (p.139)
35. Nothing (p.141)
36. *Student's own answer.*
37. He was in the shed but Dad doesn't tell Annabelle and his wife.

38. An old black-and-white photograph. The photo shows a beautiful young couple standing next to a Rolls Royce (p.143–144)
39. Chloe's mother pretends that she is posh. She wants to show the journalist that her family has a big, nice breakfast together. (p.149–150)
40. Mr Stink wants breakfast. (p.152)
41. The journalist thought it was a great idea! (p.154)
42. Nine sausages, poached eggs, bacon, mushrooms, grilled tomatoes, bread and butter and brown sauce.
43. *Student's own answer.*
44. Mother is the Lady and Mr Stink is the tramp. (p.158)
45. The Prime Minister (p.161)
46. He wants her to be a guest on Question Time (a TV show) the same night. (p.161)
47. She doesn't want to hurt his feelings.
48. In the pond. (p.173)
49. White (p.175)
50. Sir David Squirt is the presenter of the TV show. (p.179)
51. To the toilet (the lavatory). (p.182)
52. A bouffant is a hair do.
53. Because now everyone knows that she has lied about inviting Mr Stink to her home./Because everyone boos when she says that Mr Stink stinks and that she doesn't want him to live in her home. (p.192–193)
54. Mr Stink used rabbit droppings as ear plugs so he couldn't hear anything. (p.195)
55. They want to meet/interview Mr Stink. They want to cheer Mr Stink and some people want Mr Stink to become Prime Minister. (p.198)
56. He wants her to withdraw as a candidate (stop working with politics). (p.202)
57. The PM invites Mr Stink for tea at his home. And he wants Mr Stink to be the local candidate for their party. (p.207)
58. Annabelle (p.212)
59. She thinks that they are tedious (boring). (p.214)

60. To make Mother happy. (p.214)
61. That she hangs out with Chloe. (p.214)
62. The PM lives at 10 Downing Street in London. (p.218)
63. The Prime Minister got dirty when he touched Mr Stink and he needs to clean his hands. (p.220)
64. To fool people that the Prime Minister really cares about homeless people. (p.223)
65. No. ("Why don't you stick it up your fat bum!") (p.225)
66. Lord Darlington (p.228)
67. Mr Stink's wife (p.231)
68. Violet died in a fire. (p.232)
69. Because he blamed himself for the fire and Violet's death, he couldn't stand being in his house because of all the memories. (p.234)
70. Mr Stink talked to her and told her to talk to Chloe. (p.243)
71. He said she needed her family. (p.244)
72. She thought he would be upset because the album didn't sell. She wanted to help him move on with his life. (p.249)
73. Her maths exercise book. (p.250)
74. He was happy that the Crumbs wanted him to move in and live with them. (p.259)
75. Because he is a wanderer and it is time to wander on because his work there is done. (p.258)
76. *Student's own answer.*
77. A writer. (p.262)
78. Every night he looks at a star and thinks about Violet. (p.264)
79. For example:
 - Mr Stink has a new star to look at and remember Chloe. (p.265).
 - Chloe is a little star.