The Secret in the Garden Shed: answers

Year 4 · 12 marks. Accept any sensible answer that is backed up by the text.

1. Tiny paper packets of seeds, and a photograph of a girl in a straw hat. (1 mark)

Finding information (2b). Finding the key details in the middle of the story.

2. The names of flowers, such as sunflower, sweet pea and poppy. (1 mark)

Finding information (2b). A detail to find in the right paragraph.

3. prised (1 mark)

Word meaning (2a). The child matches a less common word in the story to its meaning.

4. That it was quiet, still and had not been disturbed for a long time (any sensible answer about stillness or being left alone). (2 marks)

Language choices. A simile paints a picture in the reader's mind, and the child explains what it suggests.

5. Sad or emotional. Evidence, for example: "His voice wobbled a little" or "I couldn't bear to open the tin". (2 marks)

Inference (2d). Feelings are shown through what characters say and do, not told directly.

6. Grandpa wanted to keep Nana's things safe and private because they made him sad (any sensible reason that fits the story). (2 marks)

Inference (2d). The story gives the clues but never says outright, so the child has to work it out.

7. He thought Nana would want her flowers to bloom again. (1 mark)

Explaining from the text. Linking a character's choice to the reason behind it.

8. 1. Grandpa unlocks the shed. 2. Grandpa lifts the tin off the shelf. 3. Leo opens the rusty tin. 4. Leo asks if they can plant the seeds. (2 marks)

Sequencing events. Sequencing shows the child has followed the whole story.

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