

THE HORRIFIC TALE OF GREAT UNCLE STILTON

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The Thirty-Nine Steps Looking at the text

ANSWERS IN RED

1. What did Sarah use to make patterns on her plate? **baked bean sauce**
2. What time does Sarah get her evening meal? CIRCLE THE RIGHT ANSWER **8pm** 8am 5am **5pm**
3. What day did Sarah expect the delivery boy to come? **Saturday**
4. What did Sarah want to send? CIRCLE THE RIGHT ANSWER **a message** **a message** a message a massege
5. What was the name of the road Gary was cycling up? **Witton Road**
6. Copy the words that Gary shouted. USE SPEECH MARKS “ ”

The words Gary shouted were, **“Open this door!”**

7. Which message was *short, but not exactly right*? CIRCLE THE RIGHT ANSWER **A** B or C



8. Stilton said, “Put the box there and wait,” what did he mumble about after that?

He mumbled **something about money**

9. Write, in numbers, how much Stilton gave to Gary. **£ 22.85p**

10. Explain why the font changes when Stilton says, “come round here...”

The font changes/fades because Stilton’s voice fades as he moved into the long corridor.

11. Why do you think Gary didn’t stop when the plates were thrown?

Gary probably thought that **it was Stilton who was throwing the plates.**

He felt threatened. He didn’t know who was throwing the plates or why.

12. What did Sarah think Stilton would do when he found the broken window?

Sarah thought that if he found the broken window **he would beat her.**

13. What time did Gary’s mum usually have his lunch ready for him? **Twelve/12 noon**

14. When Sarah was scared how did her legs feel? **soft like blu-tac**

15. When the door was, “flung wide” what affect did it have on Sarah?

When the door was, “flung wide” **it shocked Sarah** more than it hurt her.

16. Explain how Gary got into Stilton’s house after he’d seen Sarah being attacked.

Gary flung his bike through one of the large windows then dived in

17. Which door did Gary pull open? **The door with a key in it/ door to the staircase.**

18. What is this meant to tell us?

<p>And</p> <p>then</p> <p>nothing...</p>

This is meant to suggest that Stilton had gone down the stairs and ended up at the bottom unable to move/speak/and was dead.

19. Copy the first words Gary said to Sarah. USE SPEECH MARKS “ ”

The first words Gary said were, “Come on, let’s get out of here.”

20. What made Sarah laugh, “for the first time in ages”?

When Gary said, “I thought you were the maid,” it made Sarah laugh.

21. When Gary’s mum said, “Of course you can bring her home.” what was she expecting?

Gary’s mum thought that Gary was bringing Sarah back to have a cup of tea/relax and meet his mother/the rest of the family etc. NOT to live with them.

We know this because when he asks if she can live with them his mother is shocked and reminds him that they have not got enough room etc.

EXTENSION WORK Imagine you were Gary and the police asked you to write a statement.

- Explain what you did and what happened to Stilton.
- You can do this on a separate piece of paper if you prefer.

YOU CAN USE SOME OF THESE WORDS IF YOU WANT TO

<i>I was delivering groceries</i>			<i>saw</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>tower</i>	
<i>heard</i>	<i>scream</i>	<i>ran</i>	<i>bike</i>	<i>door</i>	<i>stair</i>	<i>stick</i>

This can be assessed using usual criteria for Writing/Response to Reading.