

# THE HORRIFIC TALE OF GREAT UNCLE STILTON

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## The Octagonal Room

## Looking at the text

To help you there is one question for each page of text

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

### LEARN THIS FIRST –

A **simile** is when you say that a person an animal a place, or anything - is *LIKE* something else. A simile nearly always uses the word 'as' or 'like'. Here are some examples of similes:

"He ran **like** the wind." "He was **as** tall as a tree."

1. What words and phrases are used to describe the weather?

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2. Why, do you suppose, there were no lights on at Grubberly Hall?

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3. What **simile** is used to describe how Sarah looked when Gary first saw her? Look for the word 'like'

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4. What reasons could you give for Gary finding it warmer outside?

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5. What noise could Sarah hear as her and Stilton landed on the wet stone floor?

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6. Copy the sentence that describes the violence with which Stilton puts Sarah into the room.

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7. What helped to make the Knight household a happy one?

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8. Explain the 'old family trick' in your own words.

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9. What was in the octagonal room?\_\_\_\_\_

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10. Explain how the smaller rat beat the larger rat.

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11. What was the awful truth that, “broke Sarah’s heart”?

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12. Explain, in the briefest possible way, what was bothering Gary. \_\_\_\_\_

13. What do you think Mrs Knight meant about a maid being, “the right class of girl” for Gary?

What does that tell us about how Gary’s mum sees ‘class’?

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14. Gary describes Stilton as “posh”. What do you think this tells us about how Gary views himself and his family? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What is the first indication that Mrs Knight is disturbed by what Gary is telling her?

You should quote the text for this bit. \_\_\_\_\_

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16. After Gary’s mum has told her story there is silence. How is the silence described?

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17. Explain what, “*take her post* as usual” meant

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18. Why did it take Gary so long to get to sleep?

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