

THE HORRIFIC TALE OF GREAT UNCLE STILTON

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Coming Home Looking at the text

ANSWERS IN RED

1. Why did it seem as if the whole universe was happy?

It seemed like the whole universe was happy **because the war had finally ended.**

2. What two things did the boy want from his father?

He wanted his father **to be proud of him.** He wanted his father **to love him.**

3. Look at the descriptions of three of the people described on page 3 and 4 and re-write the verbs, **adverbs** and phrases that tell us of their actions just before the boy's father returned.

Mother	hand gently trailing the banister , - made her way down - Her head was held high - eyes were downcast - She wore a long, dress. She reached the foot of the staircase - spoke softly to the boy.
Butler	took out his watch - glanced at it and returned it to his waistcoat pocket - he reminded them - heard the sound of the master's footsteps - called out
Gardener	walked obediently and briskly - the young man attempted to recover ,

4. What instructions did the butler give to his staff? Copy out the full quotation accurately. **USE SPEECH MARKS.**

"Remember not to speak until spoken to," **ACCEPT** **"Jim, open the door."**

5. Describe the father's attitude to everyone when he first arrived. What impression do we get of him from the first things he says?

rude, insolent, loud, (he bellowed) dominant, impolite, bad-mannered, brash, domineering, disrespectful, discourteous etc.

expects to be obeyed, he is in charge, no time for others self-centred, egotistical, no time for his child etc. **ACCEPT** **out of order, nasty, he is hungry** etc.

6. How did the father make the word, 'boy' seem threatening?

He had an uncanny way of **stretching the sound of the word** 'boy'.

7. What are the words, "his father would return majestically to his chair and smile to his guests", meant to suggest about the father's attitude to the punishment he sometimes gave to the boy.

majestically suggests he thought he was impressive, king-like, awesome, impressive etc.

He felt he had **finished the job, done it well**

the smile suggests he was **pleased with himself - thought it was funny/clever/amusing**

8. Explain in detail how the boy began to feel about himself?

He began to hate himself. He felt like he really was a 'Good For Nothing'. He expected to be beaten, expected to be hated and expected nothing else. Also ACCEPT He thought this meant that he would never be disappointed again. He had certainly grown into hatred.