

# CHAPTERS 6, 7 AND 8

## Words to learn

percolator	spaghetti	miserable	dangerous	gentleman
trembling	decent	citizens	wallpaper	dribble
perfume	visitors	company	confident	tongue

Practise until you can read the 15 words in 15 seconds. That means you can 'spot' them and read them straight off!

## Fill in the missing words

I hated going \_\_\_\_\_ that shed. It was so \_\_\_\_\_ and miserable and it made me think of snakes and \_\_\_\_\_. Oh, it felt real spooky, like a witches' \_\_\_\_\_ !

Outside the shed, Mrs Bigelow's two cats ran \_\_\_\_\_ to me. They were friendly cats, and I \_\_\_\_\_ them into the shed. I knew they would kill \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous in there.

I \_\_\_\_\_ six boxes of jars at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the bottom shelf.

I was \_\_\_\_\_ for them, when \_\_\_\_\_ of the cats jumped onto me \_\_\_\_\_ the top shelf. I \_\_\_\_\_ it was a snake \_\_\_\_\_ I screamed and screamed!

**Clues:** anything, one, and, dark, took, thought, into, house, up, back, reaching, spiders, found, from

## Quick quiz

Check your understanding.

1. Why did Glenyse hate the shed so much? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What made Bill different from the other people at the farm? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did Bill react when he saw the tin mug? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which part of Chapter 7 shows that Glenyse kept her sense of humour?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which part of Chapter 7 shows her longing for a little luxury?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did Bill ask Glenyse if she had the King and Queen coming for dinner?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Which things in these chapters show Glenyse feeling stronger and showing an independent spirit?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## True or false?

1. There was a snake in the shed. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Bill thought Glenyse was joking about the tin mug. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Glenyse's shower room was as nice as Mrs Bigelow's. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Bill helped Glenyse with her jobs. \_\_\_\_\_

## Main idea

What is the main idea in Chapter 8? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Bill enjoyed spending time with Glenyse.
- b) Glenyse tricked Mrs Bigelow by using the piano, then cleaning it.
- c) Bill's support helped Glenyse gain more self-esteem.
- d) Glenyse felt guilty for poking her tongue out at Mrs Bigelow.

## Witches' or witch's? Using apostrophes

A **witches'** house is a house belonging to a lot of witches.

A **witch's** house is a house belonging to one witch.

How can you tell the difference? Yes, just look at whatever comes before the apostrophe (**say a-POS-tro-fee**) – witches or witch!

Here's another example:

The **girl's** bathroom – a bathroom just for one girl.

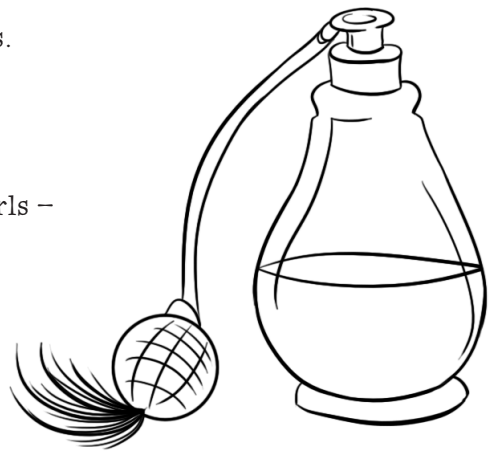
The **girls'** bathroom – the bathroom for all the girls.

CAREFUL though . . .

The **girls'** bathrooms – the bathrooms for all the girls –  
**no apostrophe on bathrooms.**

Put the apostrophe in to show possession:

1. Mrs Bigelows house was beautiful.
2. Glenyses life at the farm was hard.
3. The boys were not allowed near the girls side of the mission.
4. The nuns Christmas presents made the children happy.
5. Glenyse had a fortnights wages to spend.
6. The piano was in the visitors room.



BUT NOTE

The **child's** books, the **woman's** car, the **man's** shoes

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7. The childs toy was broken.
8. Where's the mens changeroom?
9. I'm looking for womens clothes
10. I'm looking for that womans coat.

## Surprising spelling

**Gee!** Did you notice that we say 'jee'?

- **Ge, gi, gy** usually make a j sound (gentle, ginger, gym)
- **Ga, go, gu** make a hard g sound (gate, got, gum)

It's the same for C . . .

- **Ce, ci, cy** have a soft sss sound (cent, cigarette, cycle)
- **Ca, co, cu** have a hard k sound (can, coat, cut)

**Easy?** Almost . . . because some words don't fit this rule, like: get, give, girl, geek!

Take a look at these words from the story. Put them in the right boxes:

*coffee, percolator, got, girl, vegies, bacon, dangerous,  
cats, saucer, gently, decent, citizens, guest, going*

<b>C sounds like k-</b>	<b>C sounds like s-</b>	<b>G sounds like g-</b>	<b>G sounds like j-</b>

## Imagine . . .

Imagine you are Bill. Write a letter to your friend in Brisbane. Describe the new girl (Glenyse), how you met her, and what you think of her.

Dear Ronnie,

There's a new lassie here at the farm.

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## All about you

Have you ever been in a spooky place and got a fright?

When did it happen?

Where did it happen?

Who else was there?

What happened?

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Have you ever made a friend who was much older or younger than you? Who was it?  
What made this friend special?

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## Alphabetical order

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**

To use a dictionary in book form, it helps to know alphabetical order really well. You can remember by saying the alphabet in bits – or even singing it:

AB    CD    EFG  
 HI    JK    LMNOP  
 QRS   TUV  
 W    XYZ

Can you write out these words in alphabetical order?

**witch, cat, milk, saucer, jars, nose, room, bacon, eggs, vegies, fruit, kitchen**

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Now try these – they're harder! (Try on a piece of scrap paper first.)

**snake, spider, shed, saucer, sons, soap, shower, sweet, smelt, skipped, shook**

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## Speedfinder!

When you look up a word in the dictionary, can you open the dictionary somewhere close to the right place? For a word like **confident**, open the front of the dictionary. For a word like **trembling**, look towards the end of the book.

Try looking up these words:

**gulped    nervous    disdainful    spooky    antique**

How close did you get?

- really close – only one letter out       pretty close – only a few letters out  
 not very close – I need to practise this more



## Go and find out

When Glenyse left the mission to go out to work, she was only 16.

Go and talk to some older people. What age did they start work? What age did they finish up school (if they went to school)? Do they think that was a good thing or a bad thing?

Who I talked to:

What they said:

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