

**HALF- YEARLY EXAMINATION 2013 – Year 4**

**Guidelines for the conduct of the Listening Comprehension Examination**

**TEACHER’S PAPER**

- **Listen carefully as I read the story called *The Hidden Treasure*.**
- **Do not answer the questions or write anything while I am reading.**
- **4 minutes – First reading aloud of passage by teacher**

**The Hidden Treasure**

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3. “It’s hidden in a treasure chest somewhere in the house or the garden. Would you like to try and find it or would you prefer to pack?”
4. “We’d like to find the treasure!” cried Millie and Billy.
5. “Well, you’ll have to be quick,” grandpa said. “It’s half past three now. You can only be allowed until four o’clock to find the treasure and then you’ll have to give up.” Grandpa added, “The treasure hunt starts now.”
6. Millie and Billy raced off to try and find the hidden treasure.
7. They started with the garden where they looked in the shed, under the apple tree and in and around the shrubs and flowerbeds. There was no sign of the treasure anywhere in the garden.

8. They came indoors and looked downstairs first, searching behind curtains underneath tables and chairs. But there was no sign of the treasure. They came the same upstairs but still had no success.
9. "I know," Millie said. "We'll try the attic." They got hold of a torch and climbed the ladder to the attic. Millie and Billy had a good look round in there but could find no sign of any treasure.
10. "We've tried everywhere," Billy said in disappointment as they got to the foot of the stairs. "I don't think we're ever going to find the treasure."
11. But just at that moment Millie's sharp eyes caught sight of something metal gleaming inside the partly open cupboard that was under the stairs.

(Adapted from *The Hidden Treasure* by Tony Murrell)

- **Open the exam paper and look at the questions.**
- **I will read the questions to you once.**
- **4 minutes – Teacher reads out the questions**

**Tick ( ✓ ) the correct answer.**

1. Where have Millie and Billy been staying?

a)	at their aunt's house	a)
b)	at grandpa and grandma's house	b)
c)	at their friend's house	c)
d)	at the hotel	d)

2. Millie and Billy are ....

a)	brother and sister.	a)
b)	cousins.	b)
c)	friends.	c)
d)	neighbours.	d)

3. When were they going back home?

a)	next month	a)
b)	next morning	b)
c)	next evening	c)
d)	never	d)

4. What did grandpa want them to find?

a)	the hidden treasure	a)
b)	the lost dog	b)
c)	the lost necklace	c)
d)	the old toys	d)

5. Where was the treasure hidden?

a)	in the pond	a)
b)	in the garage	b)
c)	in the house or garden	c)
d)	in the backyard	d)

6. How much time did they have to find the treasure?

a)	one day	a)
b)	two hours	b)
c)	one hour	c)
d)	half an hour	d)

7. Where did they start their search?

a)	in the garden	a)
b)	in the house	b)
c)	in the attic	c)
d)	in the garage	d)

8. Did they find the treasure in the garden?

a)	yes	a)
b)	no	b)
c)	don't know	c)
d)	maybe	d)

9. Where did they go to look for the treasure next?

a)	upstairs	a)
b)	downstairs	b)
c)	in the balcony	c)
d)	in the kennel	d)

10. Where was the last place they looked?

a)	in the attic	a)
b)	in the kitchen	b)
c)	under the beds	c)
d)	in the laundry bin	d)

11. What did Millie's sharp eyes see?

a)	something made of glass	a)
b)	something metallic shining	b)
c)	a treasure chest	c)
d)	a map	d)

12. Where was the treasure?

a)	in the kitchen cupboard	a)
b)	under the bed	b)
c)	in a cupboard under the stairs	c)
d)	in a box in the attic	d)

(12 x 1 mark = 12 marks)

13. Put a tick ✓ to show whether each sentence is TRUE or FALSE.

	TRUE	FALSE
a) Millie and Billie got bored at grandma and grandpa's house.		
b) The children wanted to help grandpa in the garden.		
c) Grandpa wants to play <b>treasure hunt</b> with them.		
d) The children have until three to find the treasure.		
e) Millie and Billy like this.		
f) The children look in the attic first.		
g) The attic is dark.		
h) The children look in the garden shed.		
i) Billy finds the treasure under the bed.		
j) Millie sees something glittering under the stairs.		

(10 x ½ mark = 5 marks)

14. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

Millie and Billy had been having a \_\_\_\_\_ time staying with grandma and \_\_\_\_\_. But it was the last afternoon of their stay and they needed to \_\_\_\_\_ to go home to mummy and daddy the next morning.

(3 x 1 mark = 3 marks)

- Close the exam paper and listen carefully.
- I will read the story a second time.
- Do not write anything while I am reading.
- 4 minutes – Second reading aloud of passage by teacher

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- You have 8 minutes to answer questions 1 to 14.
- In questions 1 to 12 tick only the correct answer.
- In number 13 (a to j) tick to show whether each sentence is True or False.
- In number 14 fill in the missing words to complete each sentence.
- 8 minutes – Pupils answer questions

- I will read the passage to you a third time.
- You may complete any unanswered questions as I read.
- 4 minutes – Third reading aloud of passage by teacher

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**You have now 6 minutes to check your answers, and complete any unanswered questions**