

## **QUIZ - STORM IN A TEAPOT**

*To be read out loud to the children and discuss the answers.*

1. Why did Grandma Kettlepot find it difficult to write her story?
2. Why didn't Willoughby join in the dance class?
3. How did Grandma Kettlepot make sure she could win the battle with the Greedy Goblin?
4. Who was the hero of Grandma Kettlepot's story?
5. Why did Grandma Kettlepot and Willoughby go on a journey?
6. What talent did Willoughby have that he didn't know about?
7. What things do you know about Rags the dog?
8. What things do you know about the Goblin?
9. What did Grandma Kettlepot mean when she said: We write our own story?
10. Do stories have to be about princesses?

## **ANSWERS:**

There are sometimes more than one answer to the question ...

1. (a) The voice in her head (Greedy Goblin) told her it was no good;  
(b) The ladies at the Book Club discouraged her - Doreen, Maureen, Noreen said stories should be about princesses, while Pauline and Jolene said she'd be better off joining the Nana's Nutty Knitting Circle than trying to write stories at her age.
2. Willoughby thought he wasn't a good dancer.
3. She wrote the Greedy Goblin into her story so she could control him.
4. Rags the dog.
5. (a) To find stories;  
(b) to help with the next part of Grandma's story.

6. Drumming, percussion, rhythm.
7. (a) He steals the cakes;  
(b) He is mucky, smelly, scruffy, stinky;  
(c) He is the hero of our story.
8. (a) He is greedy and tells lies;  
(b) He wants to stop Grandma Kettlepot writing her stories;  
(c) He is a voice in her head and becomes a character in her story;  
(d) He tries to trick Willoughby into handing over the kettlepot of stories;  
(e) He becomes the King-a-ling in the story but is chased away by Rags and never seen again.
9. Here is an opportunity to discuss positive vs negative self talk...
  - When we say we can't do something, we have made up a story about ourselves that might come true.
  - Willoughby said: 'I'm not very good at dancing', so he didn't join the dance class. If he *had* joined the dance class, he would have got better at dancing and been able to enjoy it.
  - Sometimes we are better at things than we think we are, especially when we don't worry about getting it wrong and just focus on having fun. That is why Willoughby discovers he has a talent for percussion - when he is enjoying the song and not *trying* to be a *good* drummer.
10. No! When you write your own story you get to decide the characters, their personalities and what they look like. Grandma Kettlepot found the Book Club too restrictive, she thinks like an artist, she sings: 'You can paint the village blue, purple trees if you want to, you can ride a dragonfly, a turtle or a motorbike...'