



## **KS2 Reading Comprehension – Lower Ability**

### **Letter 2 – ‘The Evacuees’**

#### Questions

1. Who is the letter written to?
2. Where are the evacuee boys from?
3. How many boys come to stay with Margaret?
4. Why is Margaret surprised when the boys arrive?
5. What items do the boys carry with them when they arrive?
6. Why are the boys confused by the water pump?
7. What food does Margaret give the boys for tea?
8. Which boy laughs when Harold gets soaked, and what does this tell us about him?
9. Why does Margaret feel sad when reading Stanley’s letter?
10. What scares the boys at bedtime?
11. What mess do the boys make in the kitchen the next morning?
12. Who visits Margaret to see how the boys are settling in?
13. How do the boys behave towards Margaret when they go out?
14. How does Margaret feel about the boys by the end of the letter?
15. Find one word or phrase that shows Margaret cares about the boys.

### **Answer Key (suggested)**

1. Who is the letter written to?

The letter is written to Betty.

2. Where are the evacuee boys from?

The boys are from Stepney in London.

3. How many boys come to stay with Margaret?

Three boys come to stay with Margaret.

4. Why is Margaret surprised when the boys arrive?

Margaret is surprised because her spare room only sleeps two children, not three.

5. What items do the boys carry with them when they arrive?

They carry a gas mask, a paper label, and a small suitcase.

6. Why are the boys confused by the water pump?

They are confused because they are used to taps and have never used a pump before.

7. What food does Margaret give the boys for tea?

She gives them bread and jam and some sponge cake.

8. Which boy laughs when Harold gets soaked, and what does this tell us about him?

Ronnie laughs, which shows that he is playful and likes to joke.

9. Why does Margaret feel sad when reading Stanley's letter?

She feels sad because Stanley's mother is missing him and hopes to see him again.

10. What scares the boys at bedtime?

They are scared by the darkness, the blackout, and the thought of bombs and Hitler.

11. What mess do the boys make in the kitchen the next morning?

They cover the kitchen in flour and leave bowls upside down and footprints everywhere.

12. Who visits Margaret to see how the boys are settling in?

Mrs Larkin from the post office visits her.

13. How do the boys behave towards Margaret when they go out?

They follow her closely like ducklings and Ronnie holds her hand.

14. How does Margaret feel about the boys by the end of the letter?

She feels happy to have them and is glad they are staying with her.

15. Find one word or phrase that shows Margaret cares about the boys.

One phrase is "Poor mites."