



## Comprehension Exercise

### Multiple-Choice Questions

1. *“This is ridiculous!” cried Marvello, massaging his aching shin, his body shaking with nerves.*

Why did Marvello have an aching shin?

- a because he was feeling nervous
- b because he had walked into a chair
- c because a burly man had held him tight
- d because he had fallen over earlier in the day
- e because he had been kicked by Cassie

2. Why had Cassie and Marvello been travelling so far from town to town?

- a Marvello liked to get lots of exercise between performances
- b so that they would be hard to track down if a victim discovered they had been tricked
- c Marvello didn't want anyone in the audience to have seen the show before
- d so that they could find somewhere suitable to stay the night
- e because it was difficult to find performance venues

3. Who is Freddie Spright?

- a a police officer
- b one of The Great Marvello's victims
- c one of the men that had threatened Cassie and Marvello
- d Marvello's brother
- e one of the funfair organisers



4. *After much chatter and excitement and many a handshake with both me and Mrs Jenkinson, the audience filed out and the show was truly over.*

What does the phrase 'filed out' tell you about the way the audience left the venue?

- a they rushed out through the doors
  - b they stampeded like wild animals
  - c they dithered around and didn't leave promptly
  - d they walked out in an orderly fashion
  - e they pushed and shoved each other
5. Which two chores will Cassie be expected to carry out when she lives with Mrs Jenkinson?
- a cooking meals and serving guests
  - b serving guests and a little bit of cleaning
  - c filing paperwork and emptying the bins
  - d making beds and hanging out laundry
  - e ironing bed sheets and serving meals