

English School Activities for Prep to Grade 1

Comprehension Questions

Skills: listening | viewing | speaking

Level: prep–grade 1

Discussion

Read *Myra and the Magic Motorcycle: Book 1—The Business in Bermuda* to your student(s). In a group setting or one-on-one ask your student(s) to answer the following questions:

1. What was the title of the book we just read? (*Answer: Myra and the Magic Motorcycle or The Business in Bermuda or both*)
2. What was it about? (*Possible answers include: a magic motorcycle, a girl from Australia, etc.*)
3. Who was the main character? (*Myra*)
4. The main character had a pet. What type of animal was it? What was its name? (*A kingfisher, or a bird, named Diver*)
5. What did Myra find in her shed? (*Answer: a motorcycle*)
6. What happened when Myra pushed the Fusion Flight button? (*Answer: the magic motorcycle took off through the wall and flew into the sky. See p.11*)
7. What country did Myra start in? (*Answer: Australia*)
8. What country did Myra travel to? (*Answer: Bermuda*)
9. How did she get there? (*Answer: The magic motorcycle travelled through the earth. See p.15*)
10. In Bermuda Myra nearly had a crash with another vehicle. What was it? What saved her? (*Answer: a truck. The distress detector/navigator and her quick reflexes. See p.20*)
11. What did Myra notice about the prices of the shoes and clothes in the shops in Bermuda? (*Answer: they were very expensive*)
12. In Bermuda what did Myra do to help the family in need? (*Possible answers: she saved Davi from a speeding car, she delivered Phyllis’s work to her boss, she brought back their dinner, she drove them to the hospital*)
13. How did Myra manage to get a trolley-full of envelopes to Phyllis’s boss? (*Answer: the magic motorcycle shrunk them. See p.30*)
14. Who helped Myra on her mission? (*Answer: Diver, the kingfisher*)
15. Why doesn’t Myra wear a helmet or jacket while on the magic motorcycle? (*Answer: it has a magic airshield to protect her*)
16. How did Phyllis and her children all fit on the motorcycle behind Myra? (*Answer: it magically grew longer. See p.37*)
17. **CHALLENGING:** Why did Phyllis need help the day that Myra arrived in Bermuda? (*Answer: she is poor and struggling to make ends meet. She was overwhelmed by having to look after her children while their father was in hospital. She had no way to get her work to her boss so she could get paid. She was feeling sad about everything she had to do today, and finding it difficult with having to look after her three children as well.*)
18. **CHALLENGING:** Upon her arrival back in Australia what surprised Myra? She was expecting her parents to be looking for her, but... (*Answer: no time had passed since she had turned on the magic motorcycle*)
19. **CHALLENGING:** Why is this book called “The Business in Bermuda”? (*Answer: Because it is about Bermuda. The word ‘business’ also relates to both money (economics) and general activities or adventures.*)
20. **CHALLENGING:** What do you think would have happened to Phyllis and her family if Myra had not shown up? What would their day have been like? (*This is an open-ended question, for discussion, lateral thinking and creative expression*)