



KING WASTEALOT AND THE TERRIBLE STORMS

Read the story of "King Wastealot and the Terrible Storms" and answer the questions which follow. You can look at the glossary to help you with the underlined words in the story.



King Wastealot and the Terrible Storms.

(waste a lot)



Not very long ago, in a beautiful, fertile land, with green forests and gurgling rivers, there lived a king whose name was King Wastealot. Now, King Wastealot was a very pleasant man and all his citizens loved him. He gave people presents and he seldom got angry with anybody. In fact, King Wastealot was one of the best kings anybody had ever known!

However, the King had some rather strange habits. First of all, he was frightened of the dark, so he kept all the lights on in his enormous castle, even in all the rooms that he hardly ever used. He even kept them on during the day when it was light outside and all through the night when he was fast asleep. He did not like to be cold, either, so he always had the heating on full blast all over the castle. It was absolutely boiling and the king usually wore only a t-shirt and shorts, as if he were on holiday on the beach in Spain! He used to look really strange dressed like that and with his royal crown perched on his royal head!

Now, King Wastealot was also an extremely clean man. He liked to soak for hours and hours in the bath every day. He filled the deep bath (which was more like a swimming pool) with very hot water. In fact, the water was so hot sometimes, that he had to leave it for half an hour to cool down before he could get into his bath!

After his bath, what King Wastealot really liked to do was to have a lovely hot cup of tea! When he went into the kitchen, he always boiled a full kettle of water for just one small cup of tea, and he also left the fridge door open when he took out the milk. When he cooked dinner, just for himself, he always used the biggest pot in the castle kitchen, the one that the cook used for the enormous turkey the king had for Christmas dinner with all his family. On that occasion, and whenever he had special guests, he liked to wear his favourite t-shirt and pair of shorts (the ones with the gold and silver stripes). So, if those were dirty, he just threw them into the washing machine on their own and switched it on. He never bothered to wait until he had enough clothes to fill it up. And he always left the television, the radio and the computer switched on, even if he was not using them. He did the same with his playstation, too, of course!

And so the King went on, until he started to notice that the weather in his kingdom was changing. There had been a lot of rain lately, which had caused quite a few floods in the nearby villages. Lots of houses had been affected, and all the furniture inside spoiled. Even the castle garage had been flooded and King Wastealot was getting worried about the collection of sports cars that he parked there. He liked to drive a different one every Sunday, which was the day

he went out into the country for a picnic with all his friends. It had also been a lot windier than usual and there had been some really terrible storms. When the weather wasn't wet and stormy, the king noticed that the air was darker and smellier than before, and it made everyone cough a lot.

The King was so worried that he asked his chief scientist what was happening to his beautiful kingdom. The scientist explained that fossil fuels like coal and oil were burned to make the electricity that was used all over the kingdom; the electricity that everybody used to run their fridges, heat their houses, boil their kettles and use their televisions, computers and playstations. This produced a gas called carbon dioxide which went up into the air and formed a blanket around the earth and that was when the problems really started. According to the scientist, this gas was what was causing all the problems with the weather in the kingdom.

King Wastealot was really upset when he heard this. His chief scientist tried to calm him down and explained that there were some things the King could do to try to solve the problem. The scientist suggested that he should set an example to all his citizens by being more careful with the electricity he used around the castle. From now on, the King should have showers instead of baths, leave only one light on in the castle at night and be more careful with the things he used in the kitchen. If he did that, he could save lots of energy and stop the weather problem from getting worse. Feeling rather relieved, King Wastealot promised to follow the scientist's advice. He wrote a long list of all the things he planned to change and stuck a copy on the fridge door so that he would see it every day when he went to get the milk for his tea.

Glossary :

blanket : cover

gurgling : the sound made by running water

full blast : on maximum power

perched : placed

Name : _____



Reading Comprehension Test 1

King Wastealot and the Terrible Storms

Sequencing : Write numbers in the boxes to sequences the events in the story (2.5 marks)

The King started to notice that the weather was changing.

The King was very upset with what he was told by his adviser

King Wastealot promised to change his habits.

King Wastealot used a lot of electricity all over his castle.

The King decided to consult his chief scientist about the problem

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Multiple choice : Choose the correct answer. Circle the letter. (5 marks)

1) King Wastealot :

- a. usually got angry with his citizens
- b. was the best king in the world
- c. lived a long time ago
- d. was a very generous man

2) He looked quite strange because :

- a. he didn't wear his royal crown
- b. he wore a t-shirt and shorts
- c. he kept the lights on in the castle
- d. was extremely clean

3) The King :

- a. cooked a turkey at Christmas
- b. washed all his shorts for special occasions
- c. only liked to wear gold and silver shorts
- d. had some favourite shorts for special occasions

4) The weather started :

- a. to get much hotter
- b. to get much wetter
- c. to get much better
- d. to get much colder

5) When the chief scientist explained the reasons for the weather problem, the King :

- a. felt happy
- b. didn't understand
- c. felt sad
- d. didn't listen carefully.

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Synonyms. Find synonyms in the story for the following words : (4 marks)

1) nice _____

2) rarely _____

3) very hot _____

4) very big _____

Write down who or what the underlined words refer to. You can find them in boxes in the story. (5 marks)

Example : and all his citizens loved him. *him = King Wastealot.*

1) He even kept them on during the day.

2). he had to leave it for half an hour.

3) until he had enough clothes to fill it up.

4) the electricity that everybody used to run their fridges....

5)so that he would see it every day....

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True or False. Write the word TRUE if the sentences is correct and FALSE if the sentence is wrong. Correct the false sentences. (5 marks)

_____ 1. King Wastealot liked to go on holiday to the beach in Spain.

_____ 2. It took the King half an hour to fill the bath with hot water.

_____ 3. The King never remembered to close the fridge door properly.

_____ 4. The King filled up the washing machine with his favourite shirts and pair of shorts.

_____ 5. The chief scientist explained that the weather problems were caused by too much carbon dioxide around the earth

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Reading Comprehension. Answer the following questions. (6 marks)

1. Explain why Wastealot is a good name for the king

2. "...so he always had the heating on full blast all over the castle." How did this affect the weather in the kingdom.

3. When did the king like to wear his gold and silver-striped shorts?

4. What were the effects of all the rain?

Reading comprehension. Write the list the king put on his fridge. (2.5 marks)

1 Turn the central heating down

2

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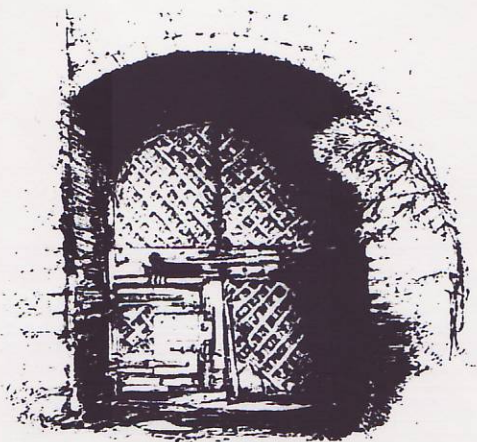
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END OF TEST

The Mystery Door



You are going to write a story about what happened when you went through a mystery door. You will use this story starter to start off and to choose what you see.

"I was walking in the forest when suddenly I saw a strange light. I walked towards it and I saw

- a beautiful little cottage
- an old, stone castle
- a strange, dark tower

Choose one of these for your story

I walked slowly towards it and the ____ (put in the one you chose) _____, _____ door began to open. Nervously, I stepped inside. "

Before you start writing you are going to plan your story carefully, using the planning sheet on the next page.

You will be marked for:

1. Your notes in the Planning sheet (10%)
2. How you organise your story (40%)
3. The content of your story (50%)

Your story should be between 1 and 2 sides of A4 (Folio)

Remember to...

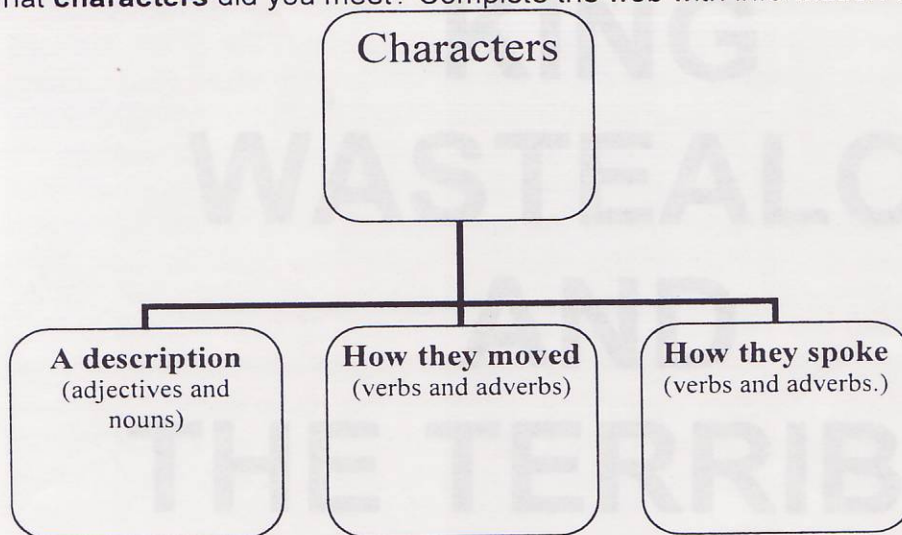
- Use paragraphs and sentences
- Punctuate sentences correctly using capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks, speech marks and exclamation marks
- Use interesting verbs, adverbs, nouns and adjectives to make your story more exciting
- Plan properly
- Give your story a strong ending

Planning Sheet

What was behind the door? Write adjectives and phrases that you will use to describe the **setting**. Remember which door you chose
Think about...

What you saw	The sounds you heard	The smells
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What **characters** did you meet? Complete the web with information to use in your story.



You've thought about the setting and the characters. Now write some main points about the **plot**.

Part of story	What happened	How you felt
Beginning		
Middle		
End		

Now write your story using all the information from your planning sheet.