

## Comprehension 6

2012 was the coldest winter on record. It was December and the whole country was covered in thick, heavy snow.

Lucy and Josh lived in the coldest place of all – half way up Mount Snowdon in Wales in an isolated farm house. The roads near the house were covered in ice, which meant that it was too dangerous for anyone to drive on them. A blizzard blew outside, and the fields were hidden under huge drifts of snow, but inside the house Lucy and Josh were watching television in front of a warm fire. Their dog, Poppy, was curled up on the hearth.

All of a sudden, the television switched off and the lights popped out. Lucy screamed and said “What’s going on, Josh?” Josh looked puzzled but eventually he realised what had happened.

“I think that the snow must have caused a power cut”, he said. “Don’t worry Lucy; we have some candles in the attic so we don’t have to sit here in the dark!”

Josh went to the garage and found a pair of step-ladders. He carried the step-ladders up the stairs to the top floor of the house and placed them underneath the hatch. He climbed up the first two steps without a problem, but on the third step he caught his foot and came crashing down to the floor with an agonising scream.

Lucy ran up the stairs, “Oh no!” she cried, “I think that you’ve broken your leg! I can’t drive you to the hospital because all of the roads are closed and I can’t go to the village and leave you here by yourself.” At that moment, Poppy the dog woke up from his slumber and began to bark. “Why didn’t I think of that before? Poppy can run to the village and get help!”

Poppy dashed to the village and, quicker than a flash, he was back with a paramedic. The paramedic bandaged Josh’s leg and gave him some medication for the pain. “This dog has saved your life”, he said. Poppy was a hero. He had run through freezing conditions (the temperature was minus five degrees celcius) to make sure that Josh was safe.

Read the following article and answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. Which word in the comprehension means:

lonely \_\_\_\_\_(Paragraph 2)

snow storm \_\_\_\_\_(Paragraph 2)

confused \_\_\_\_\_(Paragraph 3)

painful \_\_\_\_\_(Paragraph 5)

sleep \_\_\_\_\_(Paragraph 6)

2. How do you know that the farm house is a long way from the nearest village? (2)

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3. How does Lucy feel when the lights go out? How do you know this? (2)

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4. What is Josh going up to the attic to find? Why? (2)

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5. Why is it particularly dangerous that Josh has broken his leg? Give three reasons. (3)

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6. Why is Poppy described as ‘a hero’? (3)

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7. What would you do if you found yourself in Lucy’s situation? (2)

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