

A knock came on the door and Peter spoke at once. "Password, please."

"Scamper," said the voice, in a low tone. Then, other footsteps came and low voices spoke the password, "Scamper! Scamper! Scamper! Scamper!"

Scamper, the spaniel, was delighted to hear his name so often. He began to bark loudly, and leapt excitedly up at everyone as they came in.

Scamper sat, his tail **wagging beneath** him. Oh, how good to see all the Seven again! Colin, Pam, Barbara, George, Jack and Peter and Janet, of course.

Jack had come in alone, leaving his friend Bob outside as he had been told. They all sat down and Peter sat on the stool at the head of the little table.

"Welcome!" he said. "I'm glad you all remembered the password and said it quietly. Now Jack, will you please tell us exactly why you have called this meeting? But first call in Bob, he'll have plenty to tell us!"

— Enid Blyton

Enid Blyton (1897 – 1968): Enid Mary Blyton was an English writer of children's books. She was also known as Mary Pollock. She is the fifth most translated author worldwide. Her most loved series are the *Famous Five*, and *Noddy in Toyland*.



FROM THE STORY

ORAL

Reading and Speaking Skills (pronunciation, fluency, comprehension)

Read these words aloud— swiftly, horrible, pounced, snatched, gurgling

1. From whom did Peter get a note?
2. What did Scamper do whenever the children took his name?

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Reading Skills (comprehension)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in each.

1. The meeting was called at

(a) half past two



(b) quarter past two

(c) quarter to two

(d) none of these

2. What was the Secret Seven's password?
 (a) Janet (b) Scamper (c) Bob (d) Peter
3. Who was Jack's sister?
 (a) Janet (b) Barbara (c) Pam (d) Susie

WRITTEN

READ AND ANSWER

Reading Skills (comprehension)

- Name the members of 'The Secret Seven' group.
- Who was the Head of the Secret Seven?
- Who had sent the note? What did the note say?
- Why was the password, 'Scamper' said five times?
 - Why were the voices in a low tone?
 - What was Scamper's reaction while the password was being said?

Word Quiz

'They caused quite a bit of excitement.' What does 'they' refer to?

- (a) the Secret Seven
 (b) the food (c) the notes

THINK AND ANSWER

Reading Skills (comprehension)

- Why did Jack write a note to Peter?
- Why was Bob asked to come five minutes after the Secret Seven arrived?
- Why did the notes delivered by Peter cause excitement?
- You have to present a card to your teacher on Teacher's Day. Would you like to work individually or as a team? Give reasons.

Value Corner

Reference To Context

Read this sentence and answer the questions that follow.

"Just because I lost it once, you think I'm going to lose it always!..."

- (a) Who said this and to whom? (b) What was 'lost'?
 (c) Did the speaker really lose 'it'? (d) What happens next?

HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) QUESTION

Why do you think Jack kept 'Scamper' as the password?

The phrases in red are **question tags**. Question tags are almost like mini questions. They change a sentence into a question. Question tags are mostly added at the end of the questions.



A question tag is an invitation for the listener either to disagree or express the same opinion?

A. Put the following question tags in the correct blanks.

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| 1. It's great to see each other again, | isn't it? | has he |
| 2. You are going to school, | aren't you? | isn't it |
| 3. You like apples, | don't you? | don't you |
| 4. He has not lived here long, | has he? | aren't you |

B. Match the sentence halves.

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| They enjoyed playing football, | → | didn't he? |
| She has not studied for very long, | → | isn't it? |
| Rahul bought a new car last week, | → | didn't they? |
| This book is fantastic, | → | has she? |



LEARN NEW WORDS

Reading & Writing Skills (vocabulary, comprehension)

Select suitable words from the box given below and use them in place of the underlined words.

④ muddy ⑥ beautiful ⑧ huge ⑤ tasty ③ fresh ② paper ① colourful ⑦ planted

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| 1. <u>glass</u> bangles | 2. <u>wooden</u> boats | 3. <u>juicy</u> fruits |
| 4. <u>clear</u> water | 5. <u>delicious</u> food | 6. <u>pretty</u> girl |
| 7. newly <u>washed</u> trees | 8. <u>big</u> rock | |

WRITE

Writing Skills (creative writing)

Imagine, you are Colin or Pam. Write a paragraph on how you felt when you received Peter's note.

happy – excited – not received note for long – meeting happening after months – wondering about Bob Smith – hope his problem could be solved