

UG

Guided Reading Questions and Activities 1 - Pages 1-3

Day 1 (AF2)	Day 2 (AF3)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What did Ug complain about when he got dressed?2. What does 'hand-carved' mean?3. Which phrase told you that Ug's mum was getting fed up of waiting?4. Describe what it was like to wear granite trousers.5. Why do Ug's family always eat 'bits of dead animals'? <p>Challenge: Design a drum kit for Ug to play, made only from materials that he can get.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How did Ug know he had grown?2. What tells us that Ug is not totally happy with Stone Age life?3. Why did Ug's dad seem annoyed that Ug was grumbling about his trousers?4. Why is it important that Ug's dad writes 'Stone Age' on the wall? <p>Challenge: Who is your favourite character and why? Do you think the author wanted you to choose this character?</p>
Day 3 (AF4/5)	Day 4 (AF6/7)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why is it easier to read a cartoon strip?2. How does the layout help you understand what is happening in the story better?3. Why do you think the author changes the style of speech bubble when someone is shouting?4. What does the colour used in the background tell you about the message in that part of the story? <p>Challenge: What is an anachronism? Use an adult dictionary.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Does the author like Ug's mum? How do you know? <p>Challenge: Plan a day in the life of Ug. From when he gets up in the morning to Ug falling asleep at night, what does he do? Use your imagination.</p>



UG - Answers

Day 1

(2b retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction) (pre-2014 NC: AF2)

1. What did Ug complain about when he got dressed?

When he got dressed, Ug complained about how hard and cold his trousers were because they were made of stone.

2. What does 'hand-carved' mean?

'Hand-carved' means the trousers were made by hand, by Ug's father in this example.

3. Which phrase told you that Ug's mum was getting fed up of waiting?

On page two, the speech bubble shows Ug's mum shouting from another room, "I won't tell you again, you two!" so we know she was getting fed up of waiting.

4. Describe what it was like to wear granite trousers.

Ug's father describes granite trousers as 'all gritty' and uses a simile to compare them to a metal: 'hard as iron'.

5. Why do Ug's family always eat 'bits of dead animals'?

Ug's family always eat 'bits of dead animals' because his mother answers Ug's question about breakfast with, "Same as always – bit of dead animals". When Ug tries to explain about his friend Og who eats 'hot dead animal bits' cooked on a fire ("It got hot when the trees went hot"), his mother replies with "Disgustin'!" so we know she has never tried anything else.

Day 2

(2d make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text) (pre-2014 NC: AF3)

1. How did Ug know he had grown?

Ug knew he had grown because he told his dad that his trousers were too small.

2. What tells us that Ug is not totally happy with Stone Age life?

We know that Ug is not totally happy with Stone Age life because of the thoughtful

questions he asks, such as, “What is time?” and “Why can’t trousers be made of something else?” and the statements that show he wants to do things differently. For example, “I wish there was something else...something nice...” and using his friend Og’s meal example to challenge his mother’s ideas about meals.

3. Why did Ug’s dad seem annoyed that Ug was grumbling about his trousers?

Ug’s dad seemed annoyed that Ug was complaining about his trousers because he felt that Ug’s life was better than his and so Ug should be grateful. He says, ‘When I was your age, trousers hadn’t been invented. My first pair were made of granite, all gritty and hard as iron. Your trousers, now. They’re sandstone, soft as butter. Luxury.’ Ug’s dad is describing Ug’s stone trousers as ‘luxury’.

4. Why is it important that Ug’s dad writes ‘Stone Age’ on the wall?

It’s important that Ug’s dad writes, ‘Stone Age,’ on the wall because the note at the bottom of the page tells us that, really, people in the Stone Age could not read or write. Ug’s dad is trying to remind Ug that they are living in the Stone Age and so that is why everything is made of stone.

Day 3

(pre-2014 NC: AF4/5 identify and comment on the structure and organization of texts, including grammatical and presentational features at text level)

1. Why is it easier to read a cartoon strip?

It is easier to read a cartoon script, compared to a long text, because there are pictures to help us understand. The text is presented as direct speech within speech bubbles.

2. How does the layout help you understand what is happening in the story better?

The layout helps us to understand what is happening in the story because it guides us across the page. There are smaller boxes for close ups and larger boxes for larger scenes.

3. Why do you think the author changes the style of speech bubble when someone is shouting?

The author changes the style of speech bubble when someone is shouting to add extra emphasis to the words and draw the reader’s attention to that part of the text.

4. What does the colour used in the background tell you about the message in that part of the story?

The background colour is different depending on the text. For example the glossary at the bottom of page 2 has a brown background to make it clear to the reader that this part is not direct speech and is not part of the story.

Challenge: An anachronism is a thing belonging to a period other than that in which it exists. For example, although the author uses the words, 'write', 'iron' and 'butter', these items did not exist in the stone age.

Day 4

(pre-NC 2014: AF6/7) Identify and comment on writers' purposes and viewpoints and the overall effect of the text on the reader, Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions)

1. Does the author like Ug's mum? How do you know?

The author does not appear to like Ug's mum. The reader is introduced to her character by her bossy instructions from another room, such as, 'Hurry up, you two!' Then, she is presented with her back to Ug because she is busy making breakfast. When the reader is shown her face, she is always shown looking scornful and unsympathetic to Ug, who is (in contrast) shown smiling in many of the images.