

# Answers

1. Since what time has Demi been up and ready? Tick **one**.

- quarter past eight
- quarter to eleven
- quarter past six
- quarter to six**

2. Write down the name of the character Demi is talking about in each of these quotes.

**...brilliant at helping me with maths...** Pappy

**...so forgetful.** Dada

**...from Sheffield, too, just like me.** Amasi

3. **You can hear every floorboard creak from every other room, no matter where you are, and I think the walls must be made out of cardboard.**

Why does Demi say that the walls must be made of cardboard?

**Cardboard is a thin material and walls made from it would let sound through easily. Demi is saying that sound carries well between the rooms.**

4. What is Dada's nickname? Explain why he has chosen this name.

**Dada's nickname is 'Da-Daaa' because he likes to do magic and this is the noise a magician makes when they reveal their magic trick.**

5. Why does Demi say it is surprising that Pappy knows how to braid her hair?

**It is surprising because Pappy has no hair himself.**

6. **As far as Saturdays tend to go, this is going to be one of the most exciting ever!**

According to Demi, why is this Saturday going to be one of the most exciting ever?

**It is going to be one of the most exciting Saturdays ever because Demi is going to see her favourite singer perform in concert.**

7. What other evidence is there that Demi is excited?

**Responses that make reference to the following:**

- **Demi has been up and ready since very early in the morning.**
- **She says she was 'way too excited to sleep'.**
- **Her clothes were laid out ready the night before.**
- **She's been 'bouncing around' ever since she woke up.**
- **She can feel her breakfast 'swishing about' in her stomach.**
- **She is 'bubbling over' with so much excitement that she feels dizzy.**

8. This extract is written in the present tense rather than the past tense. Why do you think the author has chosen to write in the present tense and what effect does this have on the story?

**Children's own responses that make reference to the present tense making the events of the story feel like they are happening in real time and helping the reader to feel part of the action. The reader may also feel more connected to the narrator (Demi) as they are going on a journey with her.**

9. The title of the story that this extract is taken from is 'The Curious Case of the Stolen Show'. What do you predict might happen next in this story?

**Children's own responses.**

10. What is your impression of the character of Demi? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer fully.

**Children's own responses.**