

Monday 6th July 2020
Reading Comprehension

Hi Yachts,

Amazingly, we have two birthdays in our class today (they're not even twins) so **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** if it's you ☺

The story below *is* about a set of twins though! Read it through carefully.

Mission Possible

Pete and Polly were completely ordinary, totally normal and utterly boring twins...or so everyone thought. They wore ordinary clothes, took part in normal, everyday activities and were, in fact, boring. Or so everyone thought.

You see, Pete and Polly Powers had a secret. It wasn't an ordinary, boring secret and it was a secret that lived just between them (and you, in a moment, if you keep on reading!) Not even their teachers, parents or Scout Leader knew about their secret. No one ..until now. Now, this secret can only be entrusted to the most daring, brave and adventurous of children so do you think you can be trusted? Okay then...well...here we go...Pete and Polly are spies!

It all began last summer when they saw an article in the local newspaper advertising for two undercover agents to help fight global crime. Pete and Polly wasted no time in applying and, after a rigorous induction process, they were accepted into the governments' secret Spy Programme. Their assignments have involved the most daring of adventures like rescuing the Prime Minister from a sudden volcanic eruption and preventing the kidnap of the Queen's corgis from Buckingham Palace! Pete and Polly were very good at their job and very good at keeping their identity a secret.

One spring morning, while having breakfast, Pete's watch lit up. It was a message from the Government's top chief of security, Cyril Secret, and it read:

Background: Last week the famous thieves Dodgy Roger and Raucus Reggie stole the Yata No Kagami - a mirror which belongs to the Three Sacred Treasures of Japan.

Your Mission: To retrieve the Yata No Kagami and return it to the Japanese embassy in London.

When: Tonight.

Where: You will find it and the thieves in the abandoned riverboat docked on the Thames.

Note: Delete this message instantly!

Pete and Polly looked at each other and, in unison, smirked: "No problem." Pete quickly switched his phone off and threw it into his school bag.

The day soon passed and, at precisely midnight, the sharp shrill of an alarm woke the twins. Instantly, they jumped out of bed, grabbed their spy bags and flew down the stairs, closing the front door quietly behind them so as to not wake anyone else.

Ten minutes later, they found themselves on the edge of the Thames staring at the abandoned riverboat. Outside the cold wind howled and bit at their ears, street lights flickered and an uncomfortable mist slithered across the dangerously deep water.



Inside the boat, Pete and Polly saw the silhouette of two large men sitting hunched across a table from one another with the only light coming from an old oil lantern. They seemed to be arguing. With hearts pounding and hands trembling, Pete and Polly snuck into the boat and hid behind the broken door.

On the table, they could see the Emperor's mirror. "What now?" asked Pete in trepidation. "You distract them and I will grab the mirror," replied Polly confidently. They both nodded. They knew what they had to do.

Without hesitation, Pete dropped a small green capsule which filled the boat with a fine green mist. At the same time, Polly ran towards the table where the men sat, grabbed the mirror, flung it into her rucksack and then they both sprinted back up onto the deck.

Suddenly, coming from the cabin, they heard the unmistakable sound of fast-paced, heavy footsteps and loud angry voices. "Quick!" Shouted Polly and, on that command, they fled. They didn't look back. They didn't stumble. They were trained for moments like this. Fast, focused and determined, they continued sprinting until eventually the angry footsteps and loud shouting faded.

On the way to school the next morning, Polly and Pete made a small detour to a beautiful Victorian building in Mayfair that had a large Japanese flag blowing gentle in the breeze. On the doorstep they carefully placed an object concealed in brown cloth and gave each other a high five and knowing wink. "Mission possible!" Polly chuckled.

Just then, Pete stopped suddenly. Slowly, he looked down at his wrist to see his watch flashing once more. It was another message from Cyril Secret ...

You're the Detective

Now I need you to be a detective and look for clues to these statements. Here are four statements which I am not sure of the answer to so I need your help. What do you think the answers are and why? Can you find any clues in the story to help you?

1. The men on the boat were Dodgy Rodger and Raucus Reggie.

Answer: _____

Clues: _____

2. Polly and Pete were successful in their mission and left the mirror on the doorstep of the Japanese Embassy.

Answer: _____

Clues: _____

3. The story is set in London.

Answer: _____

Clues: _____

4. The Yata No Kagamu is a mirror.

Answer: _____

Clues: _____


Character Profiles

There are lots of things that we do not know about our characters in the story Mission Possible. Can you complete the character profiles below? Make up any information that you do not know. I have created an example for you.

Name: Willy Wonka
Age: 54
Where he lives: In a huge chocolate factory
Siblings (brothers and sisters): None but lives with lots of Oompa Loompas
Appearance (what he looks like): Likes to dress in unusual, bright clothing. Often wears purple, a top hat and white gloves. Carries a black cane and always has black shiny shoes.
Personality (what he is like): Very generous, creative, adventurous and eccentric (slightly strange). Likes to play tricks on others and be silly. Loves chocolate and very talented at inventing.

Name: Polly Powers
Age: _____
Where she lives: _____
Siblings: _____
Appearance: _____

Personality: _____



Name: Pete Powers

Age: _____

Where he lives: _____

Siblings: _____

Appearance: _____

Personality: _____

Challenge

It's your turn to be Quiz Master! Can you write four questions for someone based on this story or another one that you have read? Make sure that you know the answers.