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Unit 1
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Fiction

Question	Answer	CD/Mark	Useful strategies
1. Circle the correct option to complete the sentences. (a) Peter's favourite present was: the rocking horse Noah's Ark doll's cradle the Engine. (b) After three days it: stopped working was on fire blew up had good intentions.	(a) the Engine (b) blew up	2b 1 mark	 Question focus: retrieve and record information. Strategies: Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text you'll need to look for the answers. Carefully read that part of the text.
Copy the phrase that shows the Engine was badly damaged.	"what was left of the Engine" (line 30).	2a 1 mark	 Question focus: explain the meaning of words in context. Strategies: Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text you are likely to find the answer to the question. Scan that part of the text for reference to the Engine being damaged. Carefully read the relevant paragraph(s). Select words from the text to use in your answer. Also accept: "nothing else was hurt except the poor little engine" (lines 10–11).
3. "Peter, with heroic unselfishness, did not say anything about his Engine till after Father had had his dinner and his after-dinner cigar" (paragraph 4). What should the reader think about Peter's actions?	 The author recognises how desperate Peter was to tell Father and how kind he was to wait. The author thinks Peter is good to wait and that he's a good person/well- behaved/patient/ respectful. 	2d 1 mark	 Question focus: explain and justify inferences from the text. Strategies: Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text you are likely to find this sentence. Scan the relevant part of the text for the sentence shown. Carefully read the relevant paragraph(s). Consider what the author is communicating about Peter.

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 4. "Once he had saved its life when all human aid was despaired of, and the poor creature was given up for lost" (paragraph 3). This sentence about the rocking horse has the same meaning as: Tick one. Father had performed surgery on the horse. The rocking horse had been thrown out. No one could mend the rocking horse, except Father. Father had made a replacement rocking horse. 	No one could mend the rocking horse, except Father.	2a 1 mark	Question focus: identify the meaning of words in context. Strategies: Carefully read the question, marking key words. Consider where in the text you are likely to find this sentence. Scan the relevant part of the text for the sentence shown. Carefully read the paragraph. Look behind the ironic tone to identify the meaning.
5. State two reasons why it is appropriate for father to say "fire away!" (paragraph 6).	 Father is ready to listen and is inviting Peter to speak. "Fire" also relates to the explosion. "Fire away" is an invitation to speak. "Fire" is the cause of the Engine's damage. 	2g 2 marks	Question focus: explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases. Strategies: Carefully read the question, marking key words. Decide where in the text the words might lie. Scan the text to find the words. Carefully read the part of the text containing the words. Skim read the rest of the text to create the overall context. Award 1 mark for each reason.
 6. Number these events to show the order in which they occurred. Father will mend the engine on Saturday. Three days later the engine blew up. Father went to the country. Peter told Father about the Engine. Peter was given the Engine for his 10th Birthday. Father returned from the country. 	Father went to the country. Peter was given the Engine for his 10th birthday. Three days later the engine blew up. Father returned from the country. Peter told Father about the Engine. Father will mend the engine on Saturday.	2c 2 marks	 Question focus: summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph. Strategies: Carefully read the question, marking key words. Where in the text do you think you'll find the answer to the question? Scan the relevant part of the text for references to mending the engine. Carefully read the relevant paragraph(s). Use words from the text in your answer. Award 2 marks for all answers correct. Award 1 mark if three or four consecutive events are correctly numbered.