

Deepening Understanding

YR4 Traditional Tales Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'The Magic Porridge Pot' by Joe Duffin.

Q1

List two things you can infer from the phrase 'old, tired German village'.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

2 Marks

Q2

Using your knowledge from the text, what impression is created of the old woman?

Impression	Evidence

3 Marks



Q3

Explain why Erika *'hardly dared believe her good fortune'*.

1 Mark

Q4

Why do you think Erika's mother looked at her sadly when she revealed the pot?

2 Marks

Q5

Find and copy the sentence from paragraph seven that suggests the duo were overwhelmed.

1 Mark



Q6

What is the effect of the author repeating the words 'bubbled and boiled' in the final paragraph?

1 Mark

Q7

Use the numbers 1-5 to order the following events as they occurred in the text.

Erika's mother took the pot for granted.

☐

Villagers struggled to find food.

☐

Erika and her mother were relieved.

☐

An old lady offered a solution.

☐

Erika ventured into the forest.

☐

1 Mark



Q8

How do you think Erika's mother felt when she realised the porridge wouldn't stop pouring out? Tick one.

relieved ☐

anxious ☐

petrified ☐

excited ☐

1 Mark

Q9

For each statement, tick the correct box to show whether it is true or false.

Statement	True	False
The soil was insufficient for growing crops.		
Erika confided in the old lady.		
Erika's mother had lots of energy.		

1 Mark



Q10

Predict what might happen next based on your knowledge of the text.

2 Marks

