

Deepening Understanding

YR4 Classic Fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon an extract from 'The Magic City' by Edith Nesbit.

Q1

'He listened, listened, listened...'

What is the effect of repeating 'listened'?

1 Mark

Q2

How was the boy able to *'see the sunlight through his closed eyelids'*?

2 Marks



Q3

'And he stood up feeling brave.'

Explain how you know Philip felt this way.

2 Marks

Q4

'Don't be frightened, little man.'

What impression is created of the captain? Circle one.

calming

reassuring

bossy

scary

1 Mark

Q5

Look at the paragraph beginning *'Philip, though he felt...'*

Why do you think Philip *'tried to look manly'*?

2 Marks



Q6

Based on the text, is Philip a child or a teenager?
Use evidence to support your answer.

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child

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teenager

2 Marks

Q7

Find and copy a phrase which suggests Philip's actions were unintentional.

1 Mark

Q8

Identify one similarity and one difference between the captain and Philip.

Similarity

Difference

2 Marks



Q9

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

Statement	True	False
Philip adjusted to the light.		
The army always came across as serious.		
Precautions were in place to protect the city.		

1 Mark

Q10

Which quality do you think Philip respected more?
Refer to the text in your answer.



bravery



truthfulness

Explain why!

2 Marks

