

# ENGLISH

## MOG'S CHRISTMAS CALAMITY

### Answer Sheet

- . 1) The word **acrid** is most similar in meaning to... Tick one: (1 mark)
  - . **unpleasantly bitter (tick)**
  - . pleasant
  - . fragrant
  - . perfumed
- . 2) What might Mog have been thinking and feeling as she watched the kitchen being destroyed? (3 marks)
  - . Mog was probably very shocked when the kitchen began filling with smoke: she was certainly disorientated as she could not see where she was. She appears to be irritated that she had to dig her claws into the fan as she hadn't sharpened them. Overall, Mog would have been terrified and perhaps worried about how the humans might have reacted when they saw the damage.
- . 3) What impression do you get of Mog? Use evidence from the text to explain your ideas. (2 marks)
  - . Mog is quite a dramatic character. She reclines on a chaise longue and sips milk out of a straw. She frequently calls the interviewer 'darling' so we can assume she is fairly over the top but also friendly. She empathises with people because she says she felt 'terrible' watching Mr and Mrs Thomas outside with the blackened turkey at their feet.

- . 4) How did the neighbours help the Thomas family? (1 mark)
- . They all rallied around and helped to clear up with brushes, mops and brooms. They let the Thomas family join in their Christmas festivities by bringing round oranges, presents and a turkey.
- . 5) What does the phrase 'the machine let out a disgusting, black burp' mean? (1 mark)

The oven erupted with black, acrid smoke

- 6) How do you think Mog feels towards the 'humans'? Use evidence from the text to explain your ideas. (2 marks)

I think that Mog has respect for the "wonderful humans" who helped to salvage Christmas for the Thomas family. She mentions that the neighbours cleaned the house with brushes and mops and that some brought round food to share. Mog is still a bit baffled as to why humans go to the trouble of using ovens when food can be caught and eaten raw instead.

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