

Jason's Gift



Jason looked at his Christmas photographs from last year. After learning about the Shoebox Appeal at school that day, he realised just how lucky he was. He knew

that he wanted to do something special this year. “Mum,” he said cautiously, “I was thinking that this year, instead of giving me lots of presents for Christmas, we could give some of my gifts to the Shoebox Appeal.” Jason told his mum everything he had learnt and his mum had never been more proud of him. “Of course we can!” she beamed. “That sounds like a fantastic idea!”



Jason suggested getting a football, a pump, a toy car, a board game and a book for their shoebox. When they had finished their box, they took it in to school. As they left, Jason smiled when he realised that this Christmas somebody out there would open his box and find the best presents they had ever had. He looked up at the sky and whispered, “Merry Christmas.”

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Jason's Gift – 2c – Text

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Kofi ran his hands all over his gift box. The wrapping paper was so smooth and shiny. He couldn't remember ever feeling this excited before. "Is everybody ready?" asked Ada, the church leader.



"Yes!" shouted the children. "1, 2, 3... GO!" The air was filled with the sound of ripping paper and children **squealing** with joy. Kofi's eyes lit up. In his box there was a football, a pump, a toy car, a board game and a book.

He had never had anything like this before. He jumped up in the air and smiled so much that his cheeks hurt. He saw his little brother Abeo open his box and it made him smile even more.



Kofi **decided** to give Abeo the toy car as an **extra** treat to make his day even more special. His mum had never been more proud of him. As Kofi left the church, he smiled when he **realised** that somebody out there who didn't even know him had got him the best presents he had ever had. He looked up at the sky and whispered, "Thank you."

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Jason's Gift – Oral Teacher Questions

What type of text is this? (AF4) **A story.**

Name the five items that Jason suggests putting in the shoebox. (AF2)
Football, pump, toy car, board game and book.

Why did Kofi give Abeo the toy car? (AF2) **He wanted to treat Abeo and make the day more special for him.**

How do you think Abeo felt when Kofi gave him the toy car? Why? (AF3)
Happy, proud to be his brother, loved.

How did the mothers feel about their sons? (AF3) **They were proud of them.**

Which character would you most like to meet? Why? (AF3) **Various responses.**

What was your favourite part of the story? Why? (AF6) **Pupils' own answers.**

Jason's Gift – Follow-Up Work

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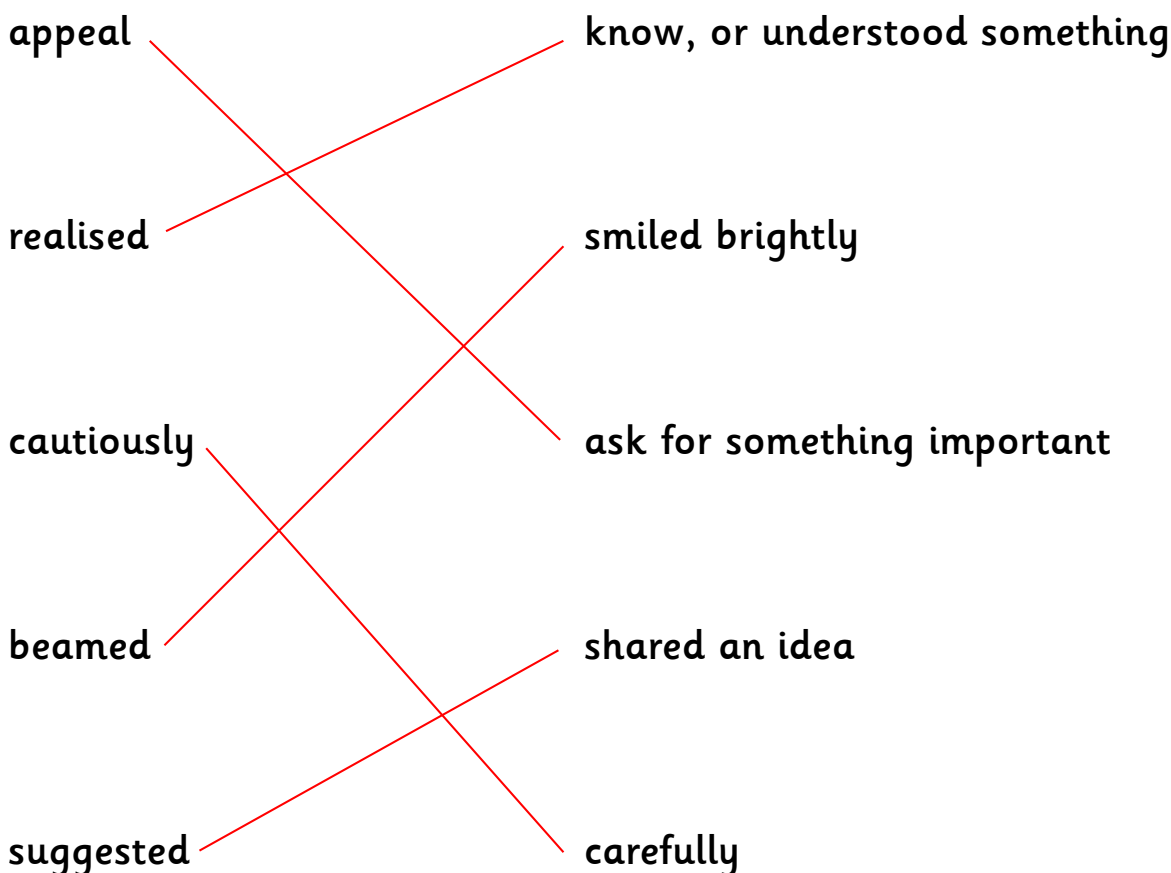
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Which character would you most like to meet? Why? (AF3)

What was your favourite part of the story? Why? (AF6)

Jason's Gift – Vocab 1

Match the words to their meaning.



Write the meaning of these words.

squealing – **a high-pitched noise made with excitement**

decided – **made a choice**

extra – **more than you had before**

Jason's Gift – Vocab 2

Choose 5 of your newly learned words and write them in a sentence.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

The words below have been spelt wrong! Can you correct them?

cud _____

lookt _____

abowt _____

sumthing _____

The commas have gone missing from the sentence below. Can you add the commas in the correct places?

In his box there was a football a pump a toy car a board game and a book.

Can you think of 5 items that you would put into a shoebox?

Write your list below in a sentence. Don't forget your commas!

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cud **could**
lookt **looked**
abowt **about**
sumthing **something**

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Jason's Gift – SPAG 2

The speech marks are missing from the sentences below. Read them carefully and add the speech marks in the correct places.

Of course we can! she beamed.

Yes! shouted the children.

He looked up at the sky and whispered, Thank you.

The writer uses lots of different words instead of said.

In the story the words below are used:

whispered

shouted

asked

Can you choose 2 of these words to write your own super sentences? Don't forget the speech marks!

1. _____

2. _____

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