

Reading comprehension: The Magic Lamp

It was a bright, sunny day and Matthew ran into the garden with his dog, Fudge. While Matthew kicked a ball around, Fudge started sniffing in the shrubs. Suddenly he came running over to Matthew with a dull, bronze object in his teeth.

"What have you got, Fudge?" asked Matthew, bending down to take the object from his mouth.

It was a lamp, small enough to fit in his palm. It had a delicate, looped handle, and a tiny, oval spout.

"Wow!" Matthew exclaimed, excited by the find.

There was mud on the lamp and Matthew used the hem of his T-shirt to rub it off. Suddenly, gold smoke started billowing out of the lamp. The smoke swirled around and materialised into the shape of a green goblin. The goblin grinned at Matthew.

"Who are you?" said Matthew, astonished.

"I think it's quite obvious I'm a goblin," sniffed the goblin.

"Why are you here?" asked Matthew.

"I'm here to grant you three wishes. If I were you, I'd be careful about deciding. Don't be too hasty." "OK," said Matthew, thinking for a moment. He was feeling hot and bothered and all he could think about was cooling off. "I wish we had a swimming

pool, right here in the garden."

"Very well," said the goblin. In seconds, a glistening, blue swimming pool appeared before their eyes.

"Amazing!" said Matthew, and without a moment's hesitation he jumped into the pool.



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1. Who finds the lamp?

2. What words and phrases are used to describe the lamp?
Find four:

3. How does Matthew feel about finding the lamp?

4. What two things happen when Matthew rubs the lamp?

5. What advice does the goblin give to Matthew?

6. Why does Matthew ask for a swimming pool?

Answers: 1) Fudge / the dog. 2) Any four of the following: dull, bronze, small, could fit in his palm, delicate looped handle, tiny oval spout. 3) Excited 4) Smoke billows out and then a goblin appeared. 5) To think carefully about his wishes / to not be too hasty about his wishes. 6) He was hot and bothered / he wanted to cool off.

