

Deepening Understanding

YR 2 Narrative Text

Sad Sara by Beth Gascoigne-Owens



It was a blue Monday. Sara was sad. She was very sad. Everyday, when she went to school, she felt different to all her friends. They spoke of their fun weekends with their mums and dads. Sara made up stories and told them about all the amazing things she did on Saturday. None of it was true. The truth was Sara lived with her grandfather and he didn't have much time to do things with her.

Nobody else at her school lived with just a grandfather. Elise lived with two mummies and they seemed to have lots of fun together. Jamal lived with just his dad and he took him to Spain in the summer holidays. Teddy had 9 brothers and sisters and their house sounded busy, busy, busy. In Sara's house there was just her and Granddad. She always wondered what it would be like to be in a different family but then she felt bad because her grandfather loved her and tried his best.

Q1

Look at the *first* paragraph.

What is meant by the phrase '*blue Monday*'? Circle *one*.

Sara could only see blue things.

Sara saw everything in blue.

Sara was feeling sad on Monday.

Sara was feeling happy on Monday.

1 Mark

Q2

Who did Sara live with?

1 Mark

Q3

Write down *two* reasons why Sara was feeling sad.

1) _____

2) _____

2 Marks





It was even harder at the moment, as this week at school they were drawing family trees. On Wednesday, Sara didn't know how to draw hers. Granddad would never talk about her mum and dad and whenever she tried to there was a sad look in Grandfather's eyes so she stopped asking. When she had tried to draw it, her teacher had looked at her and asked her why she'd stopped.

"I can't draw it," whispered Sara sadly. Her teacher asked why but Sara couldn't say.

On Thursday, when Sara got home, there was a strange book on the kitchen table. "What is it?" asked Sara excitedly.

"It's a photograph album," explained Granddad.

Q4

What was Sara's drawing at school?

1 Mark



Q5*Why could Sara not do her work?*

1 Mark



Late into the night, Sara and Granddad looked through the photographs. Hundreds of photographs filled the album. "Your mum and dad," whispered Granddad. "The bravest people I ever knew." The next day, Sara finally drew her family tree and proudly showed it to her class. "This is my grandfather," she said. "He looks after me." She pointed to the photograph of Granddad. "This is my mum and this is my dad. They were very brave. They got me safely out of a dangerous country when I was a baby. One day, I hope they'll be able to get here too."

Q6

Which word means the same as 'bravest'?
Circle one.

afraid

shy

fearless

happiest

1 Mark

Q7

Is Sara still feeling sad at the end of the story?

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Yes

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No

Explain why!

2 Marks



Q8

Number the statements 1 - 4 to show the order of the story.

Sara shows the class her family photographs.

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Granddad gives Sara a book.

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Sara is feeling down.

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Sara struggles to do her work.

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1 Mark

