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Practice Paper 1

- Read the following extract about Kasper Whiskey whose quiet life living with his mother Pumpkin changes for ever when he is enticed into The City and the dangerous world of King Streetwise.
- Remember to skim and scan for context clues to clarify unknown words; to predict what will happen next and to predict possible literal, inference and evaluation questions that you may be asked.

Kasper in the Glitter

by Philip Ridley

Chapter 19, page 88

'Don't move!' warned Jingo.

Kasper didn't need telling. He was too scared to move even if he wanted to.

'Gracious me!' muttered Jingo, standing very still. 'I've told Knucklehead a million times not to let the dogs in the kitchen.'

'Are they... dangerous?' asked Kasper, barely moving his lips.

'Not if you keep very, very still. The last time this happened I had to stay still for nearly three hours.'

'Three hours!' exclaimed Kasper. (Or as near exclamation as he could get without moving his lips.) Sweat started to trickle down Kasper's face. And arms. He felt his shirt sticking to him. His hands became moist. And that's when the basket started to slip through his fingers...

Good heavens, thought Kasper. The dogs are sure to attack if I drop the basket.

The dogs seemed to sense Kasper's anxiety. They stared at him, eyes blazing. Their snarling got louder. Their lips curled back to reveal just how long and vicious their sharp teeth were.

Kasper tried to grip the basket tighter. But still it slipped.