



**King's College Junior School Style 7 +
Comprehension**

Paper 1

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Instructions:

- Write your answers on the lines provided.
- You may show your working
- Spend 25 minutes on the comprehension
- Spend 20 minutes on the composition

Full name _____

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Comprehension

Read this passage carefully, then answer the questions that follow it.

Mrs. Darling first heard of Peter when she was tidying up her children's minds. It is the nightly custom of every good mother after her children are asleep to rummage in their minds and put things straight for next morning, repacking into their proper places the many articles that have wandered during the day. If you could keep awake (but of course you can't) you would see your own mother doing this, and you would find it very interesting to watch her. It is quite like tidying up drawers. You would see her on her knees, I expect, lingering humorously over some of your contents, wondering where on earth you had picked this thing up, making discoveries sweet and not so sweet, pressing this to her cheek as if it were as nice as a kitten, and hurriedly stowing that out of sight. When you wake in the morning, the naughtiness and evil passions with which you went to bed have been folded up small and placed at the bottom of your mind and on the top, beautifully aired, are spread out your prettier thoughts, ready for you to put on.

Extract from 'Peter and Wendy' by J.M. Barrie, 1911

1. When did Mrs. Darling first hear about Peter? (1)

2. What does Mrs. Darling do after her children are asleep? (1)

3. What does the writer compare tidying a child's mind to? (1)

4. What happens to naughty thoughts while the children sleep? (1)

5. What thoughts are ready for the child in the morning? (1)

6. Why do you think the writer says the mother "lingers humorously" over some thoughts? (1)

7. Find one word or phrase in the passage that shows the mother is kind or loving (1)

8. What does the word “**rummage**” most likely mean in this passage? (1)

9. Write down one simile used in the passage. (1)

10. Number these events in the order they happen (1–4): (2)

- A. *The mother puts naughty thoughts at the bottom of the mind.*
- B. *The children fall asleep.*
- C. *The mother tidies the children’s minds.*
- D. *Pretty thoughts are ready in the morning.*

Order: A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____

11. Find a word in the passage that means **to put away or store** . (1)

12. Find a word that means **in a funny way**. (1)

13. How do you think Mrs Darling feels about tidying up the bedroom. Please support your answer with text from the passage. (2)

Composition (25 marks)

Write descriptively about ONE of the following tasks.

Either

1. Describe a mystery object that Mrs Darling finds

Before you start writing, think about:

- How large/ small the object is.
- How Mrs Darling feels when inspecting the object.
- What does the object do?
- Why is the object special

Or

2. Write about a dream in which something magical takes place.

Before you start writing, think about

- What will you see, hear, smell, touch, feel in your dream?
- Is the dream happy, scary, exciting, magical?
- Who else is in your dream?
- Why do you think you are having this dream?

Mark Scheme:

1. While tidying children's minds
2. Tidies their minds
3. Tidying drawers
4. Folded at bottom of mind
5. Pretty/good thoughts
6. Curious/enjoys thoughts
7. "Pressing this to her cheek" or similar
8. Search/look through
9. "As nice as a kitten"
10. Children sleep, mother tidies, naughty thoughts folded, pretty thoughts ready
11. Stowing
12. Humorously
13. Puzzled, amazed, amused and any supporting text from: *You would see her on her knees, I expect, lingering humorously over some of your contents, wondering where on earth you had picked this thing up, making discoveries sweet and not so sweet, pressing this to her cheek as if it were as nice as a kitten, and hurriedly stowing that out of sight.*