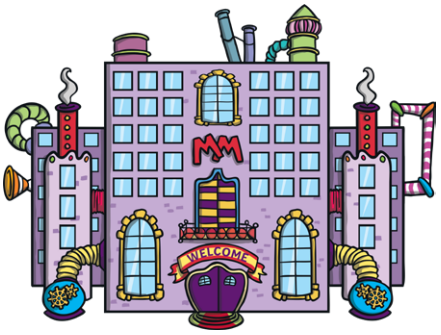
Mrs Melter's Munching Mill

Step 2 Developing Reading Skills



Jabed stood at the huge gates that seemed to reach up to the sky. The day he had been dreaming about was finally here and he was so excited that his legs were wobbling.



"Are you ready?" asked Dad, squeezing Jabed's hand.

"Ready? Of course I am ready! I have never been readier in my whole life!" squealed Jabed. As quick as a flash, Jabed ran ahead and knocked on the door with a loud bang.

Q1: Write one word to complete this sentence.

Jabed was so excited that his legs were _____.

Q2: Which statement is true? Tick one.

- Jabed's dad had stayed at home. ◯
- Jabed's dad asked him if he was ready. ◯
- Jabed's dad knocked on the door. ◯
- Jabed squeezed his dad's hand. ◯



After what seemed like days, the door slowly started to open with a creak. In front of Jabed stood a tiny, strange-looking lady wearing a bright orange coat. She had curly purple hair, round black glasses and she was holding an umbrella.

"Welcome to my Munching Mill," the lady said before walking away into the dark room. Jabed looked at Dad, unsure of what to do.

"Go on then," said Dad, "follow her!"

Q3: What was the lady holding? Circle one answer.



a walking stick **a handbag** **a drinking glass** **an umbrella**

Q4: Match the adjectives to what they describe in the text.



curly	○	○ lady
black	○	○ hair
tiny	○	○ glasses

"B-b-but Dad..." whispered Jabed, "w-w-who is she?"

"That's Mrs Melter," replied Dad softly, looking around at the glass jars filled with chocolate which lined the hallway.



"Mrs Who?" asked Jabed, still speaking in a whisper.

"Mrs Melter. She is a very clever lady. She invented the ShockChoc Bar and the MegaMunch," Dad explained.

Suddenly, Jabed wasn't worried anymore. He let go of Dad's hand and ran towards Mrs Melter. Jabed hoped that Mrs Melter would show him every secret yummy treat she was making inside the Munching Mill.

Q5: Why do you think Jabed was whispering?.



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Q6: Which of these do you think Jabed is most likely to say next? Tick one.

- ◯ I would like to go home.
- (1) My Dad does not like chocolate bars.
- ◯ I don't know who you are.
- ◯ Will you show me around your mill?



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Answers



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Accept any reasonable answer which infers that Jabed did not want Mrs Melter to hear him, e.g.

- **Jabed did not want Mrs Melter to hear what he was saying.**
- **Jabed didn't want Mrs Melter to think that he was rude because he did not know who she was.**

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◯ I don't know who you are.

✓ **Will you show me around your mill?**