

Inference and Comprehension

Harry opened his eyes wearily. Everything was slightly blurry, and he could feel a throbbing pain in his head. He rubbed his eyes and suddenly felt a wet feeling trickling down the side of his face. He could see Amir and Freya's faces staring down at him. They were open-mouthed and frantically shouting "HARRY! Are you ok?" It took Harry a moment to realise what had happened. He sat up slowly, clutching the side of his head. "I think I'm ok guys," he muttered, "But my head is aching!" Amir and Freya sighed with relief. "Phew! You really give us a fright. Claire has gone to get your mum," explained Freya. Harry stood up and looked around. Then he spotted what he was looking for a few metres from where he was standing. "The handlebars just need straightened up and it'll be good as new," said Amir. Harry was relieved as he had only just got it last week for his birthday.

1. What do you think the wet feeling trickling down Harry's face was?

2. What do you think happened to Harry? Explain how you know this.

3. What had Harry just got for his birthday last week? How do you know?

4. How do you think Amir and Freya were feeling when they were staring down at Harry? Give evidence from the passage.

5. How do you think Amir and Freya were feeling once Harry told them he was ok?

6. Can you identify all the adverbs in the passage?

7. Find the word in the passage closest in meaning to 'holding'.

8. What title would you give to the passage?

Answers

1. Blood was trickling down his face.
2. He had fallen off his bike and bumped his head. We know it was a bike because Amir refers to the handlebars at the end of the passage. We know he had fallen off because he looked for the bike when he stood up. We know he was injured because blood ran down his face and he complains that his head was throbbing.
3. He had got a bike for his birthday - Amir mentions the handlebars
4. They were probably feeling scared, worried and anxious - It says they were 'open-mouthed' and 'frantically' shouting at him to check he was ok.
5. They would have felt relieved and much calmer. It says they sighed with relief.
6. Wearily, suddenly, frantically, slowly are the adverbs.
7. 'Clutching' is the word closest in meaning to holding.
8. Child's own answer.