

## **The Unfortunate Incident With The Toothpaste**

“Don’t mess with the new bathroom,” Mum shouted to Jake. Jake looked at himself in the new mirror that hung in the bathroom and copied his mum’s words in a high-pitched voice while shaking a finger at his reflection. It made him laugh. He surveyed the room with little interest. Without thinking too much about it, he picked up the huge tube of new toothpaste and took off-the-peg cap. He only meant to squeeze a tiny amount onto his toothbrush but impishness gave him a brave edge and instead, he squeezed hard and big, fat, minty slug appeared on his toothbrush bristles. “Ugh!” Jake murmured in disgust. He squeezed really hard this time and a white phantom snake appeared to slither over the bristles and dump the handle of the brush. Jake laughed at how funny it looked. He shook his brush and toothpaste flew off the brush onto the new sink. Jake squeezed the tube again and gain as he spelled his name on out across the new sink. This was so much fun!

“Jake!” Mum yelled. “Are you in bed yet ?” Jake came to his senses and looked at his handiwork. The huge tube of toothpaste was one three-quarters empty and the sink bowl was covered with toothpaste. Hurriedly Jake decided he needed to tidy up, so he bang scooping up the toothpaste, ready to push it back into the tub, but try as he might, he could not get any toothpaste back into the tube. Jake began to panic, but nothing he did would get any of it back into the tube. He could hear Mum’s footsteps coming up the stairs, closer and closer. Jake could picture his mum’s face and it would not be a happy face.....

### **Please read the text carefully and use this to answer the questions below.**

1. What did Mum tell Jake he must not do ?
2. Name TWO things that Jake did with the toothpaste.
3. What is meant by the phrase “impishness gave him a brave edge”?
4. Give 2 reasons why Jake panicked.
5. Write down 2 adjectives that describe how you think Jake felt as his mum was coming up the stairs.
6. Why do you think he felt this ? ( look at the text for clues)

7. True/False /Can't tell

- Jake copied his mum in a a high -pitch voice. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jake sister helped him try and tidy the bathroom. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jake had a sister. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jake was grounded because of the mess in the bathroom. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jake made a mess of the bathroom before school. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mum had told Jake no mess. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Think old two questions of your own about his text.