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The Last Task

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Answer Key

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Chapter 1 – A Job In Madrid

CH1-1. Why is there a truck on the block?

Because Tom is moving.

CH1-2. Where is Tom moving to? Why?

He is moving to Madrid because his dad got a job there.

CH1-3. Why did Stan's and Tom's dads lose their jobs?

The stamp plant in West Trent shut down.

CH1-4. Who is Gran Jenn?

She is Stan's grandmom.

Chapter 2 – A Gift From Tom

CH 2-1. What happens at 1 p.m.?

A cab comes to Tom's house./Tom has to leave.

CH 2-2. How does Stan feel about Tom leaving?

He is sad.

CH 2-3. What does Tom hand to Stan?

He hands him a black tin chest.

CH 2-4. Does Tom tell Stan what is in the box?

He does not tell what is in it.

Chapter 3 – Tom Has Left

CH3-1. Why does Stan not open the black tin chest?

Because when he opens it, he will accept that Tom has left.

CH3-2. What do you think is in the chest?

Answers vary.

CH3-3. What does Stan's mom make for lunch?

She made hash.

CH3-4. Where does Stan's mom work?

She works at the grill pub.

Chapter 4 – The Black Tin Chest

CH4-1. What is Stan's dad doing in the den?

He is on his laptop, checking for job ads to find a job.

CH4-2. Why does Stan shut off the TV?

He does not want to distract his dad.

CH4-3. Who is Fluff?

Fluff is Stan's cat.

CH4-4. Why does Stan snap at Fluff?

Fluff licks the chest Tom gave Stan.

Chapter 5 – The Map In The Chest

CH5-1. What is in the black tin chest?

A map of West Trent.

CH5-2. What do you think Tom's last task is?

Answers vary.

CH5-3. Why does Stan go to the bus stop?

The map has an X at the bus stop (next to the vet clinic).

CH5-4. What does Stan find at the bus stop?

A map with a red tag is stuck in the crack.

Chapter 6 – Mrs. Prim's Grandkid

CH6-1. Who is Pam?

Pam is Mrs. Prim's grandkid.

CH6-2. Where is Pam from?

She is from Grand Cliff.

CH6-3. What does Stan's dad forget to do?

He forgets to crack the eggs on the hash.

CH6-4. Why does Stan not go to Mrs. Prim's house?

He thinks Mrs. Prim might not want to see Stan after his grandmom dies.

Chapter 7 – A Visit To Mrs. Prim

CH7-1. How does Pam feel about being in West Trent?

She does not it.

CH7-2. Do you think Pam will stay for a long time in West Trent?

How can you tell?

Yes, they will. A truck is bringing their stuff from Grand Cliff so this is not just a quick visit to Mrs. Prim.

CH7-3. What is Mrs. Prim's gift to Pam?

It is a rug she made at the quilt club.

CH7-4. Does Mrs. Prim still run the quilt club? Why or why not?

No, she does not. She did not want to after her best friend Jenn Kest (Stan's grandmom) died.

Chapter 8 – The Next Hint

CH8-1. Who is at the door at Mrs. Prim's house?

Stan is.

CH8-2. List two places Stan and Pam check in the backyard.

They check: The pots, bench and the fish pond,

CH8-3. Where is the hint hidden in the backyard?

It is in the fish pond.

CH8-4. What and where is the next hint?

It is in a jug in Stan's class.

Chapter 9 – The Sack In The Jug

CH9-1. Who is the new kid in Stan's class?

Pam is.

CH9-2. Where is the jug in the class?

It is on a shelf.

CH9-3. Why do Stan and Pam stay in the class at lunch?

To check the jug and get the next hint.

CH9-4. Is the flag the next hint?

No, it is not.

Chapter 10 – The Napkin In The Sack

CH10-1. What did Miss Kitts forget in the class?

She forgot her handbag.

CH10-2. What does Miss Kitts tell Stan and Pam to do?

She tells them to leave the class and get out to lunch.

CH10-3. What is in the sack?

A napkin.

CH10-4. What do you think the 'H' stands for?

Answers vary.

Chapter 11 – 'H' Stands For

CH11-1. What does Stan's mom suggest to Stan?

She suggests having Pam and her family over for Sunday brunch.

CH11-2. Why does Stan jot down "Call Mrs. Prim"?

So his mom does not forget to call her to invite them for the brunch.

CH11-3. List three things Tom and Stan used to do together.

Fishing, running and tennis.

CH11-4. Where is the next hint?

At the tennis club.

Chapter 12 – The Brunch

CH12-1. How does Stan feel about the brunch earlier in the morning?

He is excited.

CH12-2. What does Stan do to help his parents?

He helps them set up for brunch.

CH12-3. What time are the guests expected?

11 a.m.

CH12-4. Who comes to Stan's for brunch?

Pam and her mom.

Chapter 13 – Mrs. Prim And Gran Jenn

CH13-1. Why is Stan upset?

Because Mrs. Prim did not come to the brunch.

CH13-2. Does Fluff like Pam? How can you tell?

Yes. Fluff rubs her chin on Pam's leg. Then she licks Pam's hand.

CH13-3. Why did Mrs. Prim not come to the brunch?

She did not feel well. Pam thinks if Mrs. Prim comes to Stan's house, she will miss Stan's grandmom even more.

CH13-4. What does Pam suggest Stan does?

She suggests Stan visits Mrs. Prim.

Chapter 14 – The Hint At The Club

CH14-1. What is Pam's mom's job?

She is a vet.

CH14-2. How does Stan feel when they talk about his dad's job situation?

He does not like it.

CH14-3. Where is the hint at the club?

It is by the tennis net.

CH14-4. What is the hint?

It is a plastic bus.

Chapter 15 – Fluff Gets Sick

CH15-1. Where does Stan take Fluff to?

He takes Fluff to Pam's mom (Mrs. Prim's house.)

CH15-2. What does Fluff need to get better?

Fluff needs a quick shot.

CH15-3. Why does Stan worry about the cost?

Because his dad does not have a job and they do not have a lot of money.

CH15-4. What does Pam suggest to her mom?

She suggests that her mom does the shot at the clinic so Stan's parents don't have to pay for it.

Chapter 16 – A Box From Madrid

CH16-1. How does the check-up go at the vet?

It goes well./Fluff is going to be well.

CH16-2. Who is Eric?

He is a kid in school. He is part of the tennis gang.

CH16-3. What does Stan get when he is home?

He gets a box from Tom.

CH16-4. What is the hint in the box?

It is a tag. It says, "4 – 7 – 2- 5. For the lock."

Chapter 17 – A Job For Stan's Dad

CH17-1. What is the news Stan's dad has?

He got a new job.

CH17-2. Will Stan and his family have to move for Stan's dad's new job?

No, they can stay in West Trent.

CH17-3. How do they celebrate?

They invite Pam's family over.

CH17-4. What do they grill?

They grill fish.

Chapter 18 – The Lockbox

CH18-1. What do they do while they wait for the bus?

They snack./They chomp on chestnuts.

CH18-2. Why is the bus late?

There is a lot of traffic.

CH18-3. What is on the back of Stan's hand?

The hint they found in the box./He wrote 4 - 7 - 2- 5.

CH18-4. What do you think is in the lockbox?

Answers vary.

Chapter 19 – Tom's Last Task

CH19-1. What is in the lockbox?

A stack of prints (photos).

CH19-2. How does Stan feel about the gift from Tom?

He is happy/excited.

CH19-3. When did Pam meet Tom?

They met Tom the day they left for Madrid, the day Pam and her mom arrived in West Trent (at the tennis club.)

CH19-4. What was Tom's epic plan?

He wanted Stan to stop by Mrs. Prim's house and hang out with Pam so they can become friends.