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# Spelling pen in Elf Land Comprehension Workbook Answer Key

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### **Chapter 1 – Matt’s Big Day**

CH1-1. Why is this day special for Matt?

It is his tenth birthday.

CH1-2. List three gifts Matt gets for his birthday.

A black tank, a bag of blocks, a pen with a glass pot of ink.

CH1-3. How does Matt feel about the gift he gets from grandma?

He gets a pen and he does not like it.

CH1-4. Summarize what happened in this chapter.

Answers may vary. (It is Matt’s tenth birthday. After breakfast, he opens up his gifts. He loves his presents except the one from his grandma, which is a pen with a pot of ink. He does not like the pen.

### **Chapter 2 – The Gift**

CH 2-1. What do Matt and Liz play with in the backyard?

They set up a wall with the blocks and play with the tank.

CH 2-2. What does Matt’s mom tell him to do?

She tells him to write a thank you note to his grandma for the gift.

CH 2-3. What does Matt wish for?

He wishes that he was not bad at spelling.

CH 2-4. What do you think happens next?

Answers vary.

### **Chapter 3 – In Elf Land**

CH3-1. Where are Matt and Liz?

They are in a big thicket.

CH3-2. Who are Mell and Twigs?

They are elves.

CH3-3. Who are the Sun Kids?

Matt and Liz are the Sun Kids.

CH3-4. What do you think happens next?

Answers vary.

## **Chapter 4 – Elf Land At Risk**

CH4-1. List three creatures that are from Elf Land.

An elf, a goblin, a griffin, an imp, a rabbit.

CH4-2. Where are the griffins? Why did they leave Elf Land?

The griffins are in Obelisk Land. They left when King Gris dug all the plants in Ash Hill/West of Elf Land/where griffins lived.

CH4-3. Who is King Gris?

He is the elf king.

CH4-4. What do you think Matt and Liz can do to help Elf Land?

Answers vary.

## **Chapter 5 – The Spelling Pen**

CH5-1. What is special about the Spelling Pen?

It can cast spells.

CH5-2. Why cannot Liz cast a spell with the pen?

Because it is Matt's pen and only he can cast a spell with it.

CH5-3. Why does Liz say "Elf Land is in a big jam"?

Because Matt cannot write well/Matt's penmanship is bad.

CH5-4. What do you think causes the crash?

Answers vary.

## Chapter 6 – A Mad Goblin

CH6-1. Who is on its way to the huts?

A goblin.

CH6-2. What do Twigs and Mell suggest Matt must do?

They suggest that he stops the goblin with the Spelling Pen.

CH6-3. How does Matt feel about casting a spell?

He does not think he can do it.

CH6-4. Who grabs the pen from Matt?

Liz does.

## Chapter 7 – The Pact

CH7-1. Who is Hull?

He is the goblin.

CH7-2. Why do the goblins help King Gris?

There are no nuts or bugs (food) left in Ash Hill (where they live)  
so they help Elf King to get food.

CH7-3. Do kids think they can trust Hull?

Yes.

CH7-4. Who takes Hull fishing?

Twigs does.

## Chapter 8 – The Plan

CH8-1. Why does Twigs have a bucket?

He plans to catch a lot of fish.

CH8-2. What is Matt's plan?

His plan is to get the help of more goblins to stop King Gris.

CH8-3. Does Mell like Matt's plan?

Yes, he does.

CH8-4. Do you think the plan will work? What is your prediction?

Answers vary.

## **Chapter 9 – No Way Out**

CH9-1. Why do Matt, Liz, Mell, Twigs and Hull have to sit in front of the hut?

Because Hull is too big and cannot fit in the hut.

CH9-2. What does Hull think of the plan?

He thinks it will work./He likes the plan.

CH9-3. Where is King Gris?

He is in Ash Hill.

CH9-4. Where will King Gris dig next?

He will dig at Drum Hill.

## **Chapter 10 – Help From The Goblins**

CH10-1. Why does Matt have difficulty using the Spelling Pen?

He cannot think of a wish that he can spell./He cannot spell.

CH10-2. What are the thudding steps?

A big gang of goblins come to Elf Land/the huts.

CH10-3. Will the goblins help?

Yes, they will help.

CH10-4. Where will the goblins and elf clan go with the Sun Kids?

They will go to Ash Hill.

## **Chapter 11 – The Trip to Ash Hill**

CH11-1. Who is going to Ash Hill?

Matt, Liz (the Sun Kids), Twigs, Mell and the elf clan, Hull and the goblins.

CH11-2. How does Matt feel during the trip?

He feels nervous (or similar feelings.)

CH11-3. How does Ash Hill look?

Ash Hill is now a grim plot of land. There are no plants.

CH11-4. What do you think will happen next?

Answers vary.

## **Chapter 12 – The Imps and The Duchess**

CH12-1. Are the imps friendly?

No, they are not.

CH12-2. Who is the Imp Duchess?

She is the leader of the imps.

CH12-3. Can Matt cast to spell?

No, he cannot.

CH12-4. Where do the imps take Matt and the rest?

They take them to King Gris./They take them to King's Den.

## **Chapter 13 – The King's Den**

CH13-1. Who is at the King's Den?

King Gris is.

CH13-2. How do Matt and Liz feel about the king?

They do not like him.

CH13-3. Why does Matt tug at Liz's hand?

He wants to stop Liz from yelling at King Gris.

CH13-4. Describe how King Gris looks.

He is gruff and fat. He has pinkish skin. His top and pants are of rich, red silk. He has a lot of gold rings and gold strings hang from his neck.

## Chapter 14 – The Shift

CH14-1. What shocks King Gris?

That a kid/Liz stands up to him.

CH14-2. What is the big shift in this chapter? Explain.

Imps stop supporting King Gris.

CH14-3. What does Matt hum to himself?

He hums, "If I see it, I can have it. If I see it, I will get it."

CH14-4. What do you think happens next?

Answers vary.

## Chapter 15 – Matt's Spell

CH15-1. How does Matt cast the spell?

First, he writes STOP. Then, he draws a sketch of his wish.

CH15-2. What does the spell do to King Gris?

His red silk outfit glints like the pen. He cannot lift his leg when he tries to run off.

CH15-3. Why is the Duchess sad?

Because the plants are lost and there are no buds to bring them back. And the imps helped King Gris do this.

CH15-4. What does the spell do to Elf Land?

The grass springs up and big and small shrubs fill up Elf Land.  
Bugs rest on buds.

## Chapter 16 – Back from Elf Land

CH16-1. Why do they have a big fest? Who attends the fest?

They are celebrating their win against King Gris./They are celebrating that Elf Land is back how it used to be, filled with plants.

CH16-2. Why do Liz and Matt want to go back home?

They miss their mom and dad.

CH16-3. What does Matt's mom ask him?

She asks if he finished the thank you note to his grandma.

CH16-4. What does Matt do with the pen when he is home?

He tucks it in his desk.