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Spelling Pen Red Obelisk Comprehension Workbook Answer Key

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Chapter 1 – A Day In Class

CH1-1. Why are Matt and Liz late to school in the morning?

Because Liz spilled milk on her dress and Matt loses his socks.

CH1-2. Why does Matt not like to be on the bus?

There is a devilish kid on the bus./There is a bully on the bus.

CH1-3. Who is Beth?

Beth is Matt's best friend.

CH1-4. What does Miss Flock ask Matt to do?

She asks Matt to bring all the tests and set them on her desk.

Chapter 2 – The Class Project

CH 2-1. Who is Bill Mack?

He is the devilish (bully) kid on the bus. He is also in Matt's class.

CH 2-2. Why is Matt mad at Bill?

Bill sticks out his leg and trips Matt, then he makes fun of Matt's socks.

CH 2-3. What is the class project about?

It is about Matt's essay, about goblins, imps, an elf clan and an elf king./It is about the Sun Kids going on a quest to Elf Land, where there is a bad selfish elf king.

CH 2-4. Which project task does Miss Flock assign to Matt and Bill?

They will rig up big pits and traps to stop the elf king.

Chapter 3 – The Goblin Drops

CH3-1. How was Matt's day? How was Liz's day?

Matt had a bad day. Liz had the best day.

CH3-2. Why does Matt not like Bill Mack?

Because Bill pranks Matt a lot.

CH3-3. What does Liz suggest to do to cheer Matt up?

She suggests to kick a ball in the backyard.

CH3-4. What unexpected event happens in this chapter?

A goblin lands in their backyard.

Chapter 4 – King Gris Is Back

CH4-1. How did Hull end up in the kids' backyard?

King Gris's digs split Elf Land from the kids' land with a rift and things began falling in between.

CH4-2. What bad news does Hull tell the kids?

He tells them that things are bad in Elf Land. King Gris has run off with the help from a basilisk. King Gris and the basilisk plan to get to the Red Obelisk.

CH4-3. Why does Hull go in the shed?

So he can hide from the kids' mom when she gets out to the backyard.

CH4-4. What is the Red Obelisk?

It is a tall slab of rock. When unlocked, it grants a wish when the sun hits its top.

Chapter 5 – Elf Land Is Hectic

CH5-1. Why do the kids want to meet up with Grandma Deb?

They want to ask Grandma Deb where she got the pen so they can get some help.

CH5-2. How much time do they have to stop King Gris and the basilisk?

They have just a day left.

CH5-3. Why do the kids not want their parents to see Hull?

The kids think their parents will panic if they see a goblin.

CH5-4. What do the kids have for dinner?

They have fish and chips.

Chapter 6 – Spelling Pen Is Out

CH6-1. Why cannot Liz go back out after dinner?

Her mom tells her she must go to bed.

CH6-2. What does Matt’s mom tell him to bring back in?

She tells him to bring the ball back in.

CH6-3. Why does Matt need the Spelling Pen?

To send Hull back to Elf Land.

CH6-4. What does Matt bring out in the napkin?

He brings the food (fish) Liz saved for Hull.

Chapter 7 – Help From Grandma Deb

CH7-1. Who is in the den?

Liz and the parents.

CH7-2. Why do the kids not want to chat with Grandma Deb in front of their parents?

They don’t want to talk about Elf Land in front of them.

CH7-3. Why does Matt pack the Spelling Pen in his backpack?

So he has the pen when Grandma Deb picks them up from school.

CH7-4. Who will pick the kids up from class the next day?

Grandma Deb.

Chapter 8 – Things Go Bad for Matt

CH8-1. What does Bill do when Matt wants to discuss the class project with him?

He tells Matt that Matt should do all the work.

CH8-2. What does Bill do when Miss Flock asks about the project?

He grabs the plans from Matt and tells Miss Flock Matt's plans as if they are his.

CH8-3. Why does Matt get into trouble?

When Bill continues to tease Matt, Matt gets mad and yells at Bill. Matt also bumps into Bill's desk and the desk falls. Bill kicks the scrap bin and it spills. Miss Gibbs gets upset with Matt.

CH8-4. How does Miss Flock punish Matt?

Matt will sit in class at lunch and clean up the mess.

Chapter 9 – An Imp Pops Up

CH9-1. Who is the unexpected guest in the classroom at lunch?

An imp.

CH9-2. Where does Matt leave the Spelling Pen?

He leaves it on his desk.

CH9-3. What happens in the classroom when Matt sends the imp back to Elf Land?

Desks fall down, the clock from the wall drops in the trash bin and lots of stuff fall on the rug./The class becomes a big mess.

CH9-4. Why is Miss Flock mad at Matt?

She thinks Matt did not clean up and indeed made a bigger mess.

Chapter 10 – Matt In A Big Fix

CH10-1. Where does Miss Flock send Matt to?

She sends him to Mr. Blunt.

CH10-2. What does Bill steal from Matt?

He steals the Spelling Pen.

CH10-3. Who picks Matt up from Mr. Blunt's room?

Grandma Deb.

CH10-4. Where is Liz?

She is in P.E. class in the big hall.

Chapter 11 – The Basilisk’s Visit

CH11-1. Why is Bill Mack in the hall?

He cuts the class with a trick.

CH11-2. What pops up in the hall? Describe it.

It is a big skink like thing. It has pink skin with black spots and big fangs. On its back, there is a tall, tan crest that stands up./ It is a basilisk.

CH11-3. How does Bill react when he sees the creature? What does he do?

He panics. He sprints down the hall and calls for help.

CH11-4. What does this creature want from Bill?

He wants the Spelling Pen.

Chapter 12 – Basilisk Krig

CH12-1. Why does Liz go out to the hall?

She check out the yelling for help.

CH12-2. Who else from her P.E. class go out?

Only Liz. No one else.

CH12-3. Who is the creature in the hall?

It is the basilisk.

CH12-4. Why do you think the creature snaps at Bill?

Because Bill has the Spelling Pen and the basilisk wants it.

Chapter 13 – Sun Kid Deb

CH13-1. Why is Matt glum?

Because he does not have the Spelling Pen, but Bill has it.

CH13-2. What is their plan in this chapter?

They plan to distract the basilisk and get the pen back from Bill.

CH13-3. What does Liz bring out of Mr. Klepp's lab? Explain.

She brings out rocks.

CH13-4. Do you think Grandma Deb was on a quest in Elf Land? Why?

Answers may vary./Yes, she was a Sun Kid as well and the basilisk know her name.

Chapter 14 – A Spell on Bill

CH14-1. Who is under the bench?

Bill Mack.

CH14-2. Why does Matt want his pen back?

So he can stop the basilisk.

CH14-3. Why does Matt not want to cast a spell on Bill?

Answers may vary. Matt thinks it is fun to see Bill scared and Bill will forget all that happened if Matt casts a spell on Bill.

CH14-4. What changes with Bill at the end of this chapter? Why?

When Bill is going back into the class, he tells Matt they will finish the project when Matt is back and Bill will help as much as he can. Matt casts a spell to make Bill make him like helping others and stop his pranks.

Chapter 15 – Back In Elf Land

CH15-1. Where do Liz, Matt and Grandma Deb go?

They go to Elf Land.

CH15-2. Who are Mell and Twigs?

They are elves.

CH15-3. Summarize Sun Kid Deb's quest?

Sun Kid Deb went to Elf Land to help the griffins. They hid the Red Obelisk in Obelisk Land. The basilisk left Elf Land.

CH15-4. What is the trap?

The basilisk is hiding in the elves' hut.

Chapter 16 – The Red Obelisk

CH16-1. Where does Matt's spell take them?

It takes them to Obelisk Land

CH16-2. How does Basilisk Krig end up there as well?

He hangs on to Matt's hand and grabs Liz so the spell takes him there as well.

CH16-3. Who else is there?

King Gris is there.

CH16-4. Why does Matt drop the Spelling Pen?

The basilisk has Liz. King Gris yells at Mat to drop the pen and Matt does not want the basilisk to hurt Liz.

Chapter 17 – The Conflict

CH17-1. Why cannot King Gris cast a spell with the Spelling Pen?

He is not the owner of the pen. Only Matt can cast spells with it.

CH17-2. What do King Gris and Basilisk Krig argue about?

They argue about who gets the last wish.

CH17-3. How does Matt get his pen back?

When the basilisk runs for the obelisk, he lets go of Liz. Liz grabs the pen and chucks it to Matt.

CH17-4. What happens to the basilisk at the end of this chapter?

The basilisk perish into dust.

Chapter 18 – Scram

CH18-1. Where does King Gris go?

He is back at his den at the bay.

CH18-2. What is in Grandma Deb's locket?

There is a red relic in it.

CH18-3. What does Grandma Deb put in her pocket?

She puts a brass lamp she gets from the obelisk.

CH18-4. What do you think will happen next?

Answers vary.