

'It's only me'

- 1- Excited (adj.) = showing happiness or enthusiasm
- 2- Ghost (n.) = phantom = spectre = spook = spirit = apparition
- 3- Costume (n.) = dress
- 4- Impatient (adj.) = eager = anxious = keen
- 5- Sheet (n.) = a large piece of cloth used on a bed
- 6- Put on (v.) = wear
- 7- Enter (v.) = go or come into
- 8- Straight (adv.) = immediately
- 9- Ever (adv.) = at any time
- 10- Frighten (v.) = scare
- 11- Poor (adj.) = deserving sympathy
- 12- Realize (v.) = become aware
- 13- Meter (n.) = a device for measuring something
- 14- Let out (v.) = give
- 15- Pace (n.) = step
- 16- Flee (v.) = run away
- 17- Slam (v.) = bang

After we have read the passage and explained the meanings of some of the words in it, it is time to answer the comprehension questions. These are done below:

- 1- Mrs Richards was dressed as a ghost.
- 2- She was going into the dining-room when someone knocked at the door.
- 3- She thought it was the baker.
- 4- She hid in the store-room.
- 5- She heard footsteps in the hall.
- 6- The man from the Electricity Board suddenly opened the store-room door.

- 7- She said 'it's only me'.
- 8- He got a bad fright.
- 9- She walked towards him.
- 10- He fled.
- 11- He slammed the front door.

Now our task is to link the sentences above so as to create a précis. Here is an attempt below:

Mrs Richards was going into the dining-room dressed as a ghost when someone knocked at the door. Thinking it was the baker, she hid in the store-room. However, she heard footsteps in the hall, then the man from the Electricity Board suddenly opened the store-room door. Although she said 'it's only me', he got a bad fright. Finally, when she walked towards him, he fled slamming the front door.