

## Sixpence Worth of Trouble

- 1- Trouble (n.) = problems = difficulties
- 2- Appreciate (v.) = welcome = be grateful for something
- 3- Small (adj.) = little
- 4- Regular (adj.) = usual = ordinary
- 5- Supply (n.) = provision
- 6- Pocket-money (n.) Br. = allowance Am.
- 7- Extra (adj.) = additional
- 8- Income (n.) = the money that a person gets
- 9- Go a long way (vp.) = help a lot
- 10- Exchange (v.) = give something and receive another in return
- 11- Sweets (n.) Br. = candy Am.
- 12- Thrifty (adj.) = provident = economical = frugal = careful in spending money.
- 13- Manage (v.) = succeed
- 14- Money-box (n.) = piggy bank
- 15- Satisfying (adj.) = gratifying = fulfilling
- 16- Bar (n.) = piece
- 17- Save (v.) = keep = not spend
- 18- Sweet shop (n.) Br. = candy store Am.
- 19- Drop (v.) = accidentally let fall
- 20- Pavement (n.) Br. = sidewalk Am.
- 21- Disappear (v.) = vanish = be lost
- 22- Take off (v.) = remove
- 23- Jacket (n.) = a short coat
- 24- Push (v.) = thrust = insert
- 25- Drain cover (n.) = grating
- 26- What is more = moreover = furthermore
- 27- Crowd (n.) = throng = multitude
- 28- Gather (v.) = come together = assemble = mass
- 29- Firmly (adv.) = strongly = not loosely
- 30- Stuck (adj.) = unable to move
- 31- Fire-brigade (n.) = fire service Br. = fire department Am.

- 32- Call (v.) = phone = telephone = ring
- 33- Fireman (n.) = firefighter
- 34- Free (v.) = release = set free = make loose
- 35- Grease (n.) = oil = fat
- 36- Upset (adj.) = unhappy = annoyed

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- George was going to a sweet shop.
- 2- He lost his sixpence down a drain.
- 3- He took off his jacket.
- 4- He put his arm through the drain cover.
- 5- He failed to find his sixpence.
- 6- He could not get his arm out.
- 7- A crowd of people gathered round him.
- 8- A lady tried to release him.
- 9- She failed.
- 10- Firemen finally freed George using grease.
- 11- The owner of the sweet shop presented him with a large box of chocolates.

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

As George was going to a sweet shop, he lost his sixpence down a drain. So, he took off his jacket putting his arm through the drain cover. However, not only did he fail to find his sixpence, but he could not get his arm out, either. Soon, a crowd of people gathered, and a lady tried to release him. She failed, but then firemen freed George using grease. Finally, the owner of the sweet shop presented him with a box of chocolates.