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*Your brother has shown you a funny poem about money. Read the poem.***Text 1 Poem****The Travelling Coin**

Sandy was a starving artist who valued me, but soon I had to go.
Her cheques bounced after she had drained her account to zero.
She handed me to her accountant when she had nothing left.
He believed 'a penny saved is a penny earned', and he'd never got into debt.

- 5 The accountant gifted me to his nephew, an app designer called Wayne,
Whose favourite endeavour was swiping his credit card to buy new games.
He left me at the back of his drawer as he was always on his phone.
It was time to go as I felt rather ignored and alone.

One day, out the window I casually rolled.

- 10 A grubby-fingered child looked at me as though I were gold.
And just as I began to believe he was dandy,
He traded me for a cheap piece of candy.



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At the end of the day the shop keeper took me to the bank,
And I suppose that it's him I ought to thank,
15 Because for a glorious while I was amongst my own,
And I got to see the epicenter of people's savings and loans.

Next I was handed to a mad scientist, who had outrageous hair and a beard.
He dropped me in a glass of fizzy liquid that felt rather weird.
It tickled and I giggled but then I glittered like the sun,
20 But to be honest, I'm still looking for that special someone.

I want to travel with a person who treats me like treasure,
To be appreciated by someone would really be a pleasure.
I don't dream of an adventure on a space rocket.
I just want to end up in a safe, warm pocket.

Challenging reading and comprehension

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Comprehension 1 *Your brother wants to know if you understand the poem. Answer his questions using information from the poem. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 What is a 'starving artist' (line 1)?

A an artist who is dying of hunger

B an artist who does not like to eat

C an artist who does not make very much money

D an artist who makes popular work

A B C D

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- 2 What does the poet mean when he or she says Sandy's cheques 'bounced' (line 2)?

- 3 What does the expression 'a penny saved is a penny earned' (line 4) mean?

- 4 Which of the following is NOT true about the accountant?

A he has never had a negative balance in his bank account

B he helps other people to manage their money

C he was in debt to Sandy

D his nephew is an app designer

A B C D

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- 5 Did the nephew appreciate his uncle's gift? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

- 6 What did the accountant's nephew enjoy doing?

- 7 Why did the coin decide to leave the app designer?

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8 Find a pair of rhyming words in stanza 2.

9 Who is the coin with at the end of stanza 3?

10 Order the following events. Number the events (1–4).

The child visited the candy store.

The coin felt special and happy when the child picked it up.

The coin rolled out of the house of the accountant's nephew.

The owner of the candy shop went to the bank.

11 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

The coin thought it _____ thank the shop keeper for _____
it to the bank.

12 Find a word in stanza 4 that means 'the central point of something'.

13 What are TWO reasons mentioned in stanza 4 that the coin thought it was 'glorious' to be at the bank? Use your own words.

i) _____

ii) _____

14 What did the scientist do to the coin?

15 i) What literary device is 'glittered like the sun' (line 19) an example of?



ii) Why do you think the poet uses this device?

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16 Is the coin happy to be with the scientist? Explain your answer.

17 Find a word in stanza 6 that means the opposite of 'unloved'.



18 Does the coin like being passed from person to person? Use information from the text to justify your response.



19 What kind of person do you think the coin wants its ultimate owner to be like? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

20 The poem is told from the point of view of a coin. What literary device is this an example of?

A rhyming

B onomatopoeia

C personification

D alliteration

A B C D

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