

Answers to Scholastic Reading Booster Workbook for KS2

The answers are given below. They are referenced by page number and where applicable, question number. The answers usually only include the information the children are expected to give. There may be some places where the answers vary or multiple answers are acceptable, these are marked as such.

Note that in some places, answers will be varied and subjective from child to child, and a fair degree of marker discretion and interpretation is needed, particularly if children's understanding and skills have to be deduced from their answers.

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	2	1. certain 2. convinced															
9	1	The wind was moving at a high speed.															
	2	The rain was rough, uncomfortable, unpleasant.															
	3	The rain was hard. The rain hurt when it hit people.															
	4	hunched															
	5	dented															
11	1	sweet															
	2	under control															
	3	Accept any answer that adequately explains the line, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your tongue can get you into trouble or similar. What you say has consequences. Don't do what I did. 															
	4	a warning															
13	1	green spots															
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3	break into a smile																
4	there are no roads. sandy paths link your room to the beach.																
15	1	at the far end															
	2	blue															
	3	on mum's knee															
	4	at the big clock															
	5	less than ten minutes															
16	1	8 June															
	2	some sun cream sunglasses a new swimming costume															
	3	butter															
	4	Any two from: tickets, passport, Euros															

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17	1	January			
	2	Westminster Abbey			
18	3	defeat Harold in Battle			
	4	Norway			
	5	The Viking kingdom of Northumbria			
	6	They were peasant farmers and needed to go back for the harvest.			
	7	More than 10,000			
	8	180			
	9	Stamford Bridge			
	10	15,000			
	20	1	an impressive sight.		
		2	nearly 5,000 metres		
3		1786			
4		over 20,000			
5		walk and cycle			
6		in winter			
7		the ski lifts			
8		restaurants and shops			
9		just over an hour			
22	1	1869			
	2	a tea clipper			
	3			True	False
		The Cutty Sark's first sailings were from China to England.	✓		
		The journey from China to England took less than three months.		✓	
		The Cutty Sark was the fastest ship between China and England.		✓	
	The Cutty Sark stopped sailing from China to England in 1878.	✓			
	4	Any three from: coal, jute, castor oil and mail			
	5	Australia, USA, Japan			
	6	In a museum in London			
24	1	Stoneway Primary School			
	2	8 May 2017			
	3	North Wales			
	4	Plas Bychan			
	5	3 July			
	6	no more than £10			
	7	six			
	8	£50			
	9	Accept either the head teacher or Angela Massey			
	10	Any three from: Name of the child If the child has any allergies If the child has any special food needs The parent's name The parent's signature			

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26	1	The baby has a new tooth (or similar).			
	2	a double row (or two)			
	3	'but half a word' (Accept 'only half a word' or 'half a word'.)			
	4	The baby pretending to walk (or similar).			
	5	walk and talk			
27	1	Mohammed, Izzy and Ronny			
	2	He never seemed to catch anything.			
	3	Izzy			
	4	to keep the fish in			
	5	They always let the fish go.			
29	1	Any three from: Vikings invaded the north of England. The first Vikings came to steal. Vikings stayed in the north of England. Viking made a kingdom called Jorvik at York with its own Viking king.			
	2	Vikings in Jorvik			
	3			True	False
		Alice is on a dangerous mission.	✓		
		The robbers would pretend to be mending the road.	✓		
The robbers would dig a tunnel and escape in a van.		✓			
Alice could remember when the raid was to take place.		✓			
31	1	Most people aren't rich or very talented.			
	2		Fact	Opinion	
		Most people don't get the chance to drive Formula 1 cars.	✓		
		Everyone wants the chance to drive Formula 1 cars		✓	
		Huge rewards are on offer.	✓		
	Formula 1 drivers take risks.	✓			
3	He was frightened every time he raced.				
4	He didn't take chances.				
35	1	savage			
	2	She does not think that it is likely that she will ever be a Duchess.			
	3	Soup does not need it. It makes people hot-tempered.			
	4	It changes the way they behave. Or It makes them sweet-tempered.			
	5	She puts up with it but she does not like it.			
	6	She didn't want the Duchess to hear.			
	7	Her answer does not really follow on from what Alice said.			
37	1	people who like action storybooks			
	2	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the captain tells the Scorpion that he is not scared of him, he is showing he thinks the Scorpion cannot win. 'Puny' tells us that the Captain thinks the Scorpion is weak or not dangerous. Calling the Scorpion a 'boy' tells us the Captain thinks he is not strong. 			

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3	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They catch them. • They eat them. • They are catching the sharks' food. • They are polluting the water. 																
4	She is a professor who works for the San Francisco Shark Research Centre. She knows lots of facts about shark attacks. She knows a lot about the dangers they face.																
41	1	The writer comes from a place that <i>no human's ever been</i> or <i>no human's ever seen</i> .															
	2	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>beyond the stars</i> • <i>way past the Earth and way past Mars</i> • <i>out beyond the darkest night</i> • <i>out of reach and out of sight</i> 															
	3	The writer is trapped on Earth. His task is to roam the planet and never return.															
	4	Reasonable explanations of what <i>My parents, wife and children gone</i> means, for example, 'They have all been killed.' Or 'The writer has been separated from them, as they are left at home.'															
	5	Any two from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His skin is blue. • He does not look like a human. • He is an alien. 															
	6	The writer has seen how humans treat people who do not look like them. The writer has blue skin.															
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43	1	The writer does not like James.															
	2	He would not have been run over.															
	3	An explanation of what the game of chicken run means, for example: 'James was playing a dangerous game and deliberately ran in front of the bus.'															
	4	Any likely answers, for example: 'James running in front of the bus.'															
	5	They take more care with the games that they play.															
	6	Don't take risks crossing the road.															
	7	The last line tells us that we must take care crossing the road or we will end up like James. They remind us that cars are much bigger and stronger than us. We will always come off worse if we collide with a car.															

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	2	Acceptable predictions: • They will be rescued by the fire crew. • The fire crew will go up the ladder to rescue them. • They will climb down the ladder.
	3	The fire officers will put the fire out because they have powerful hoses and are spraying the flames in front of them. The water will put the fire out.
	4	They'll have to live somewhere else until the house is repaired because the it is so damaged.
47	1	Between the city centre and the hospital and around Bore Hill secondary school.
	2	hospital visiting time during the week, morning, late afternoon
	3	The bus starts in the city centre. 1 The bus is much quieter. 4 The bus is full of children. 2 The bus makes its last journey back to the city centre. 5 The bus is very noisy. 3
	4	At night <i>or</i> when the bus is making its last journey to the city centre.
	5	The bus journey starts and ends in the same place. The city centre is in both paragraphs.
49	1	<i>sleepy head and blinks but an hour</i>
	2	It helps the reader imagine the colour of the sun. It helps the reader imagine the shape of the sun.
	3	The excitement mounts as the day approaches. The excitement reaches a peak on the day before the birthday.
	4	eternity
	5	Life is empty, as the bucket would be because everything would drain through the hole.
51	1	Calling all thrill seekers!
	2	Yes, because the heading grabs the reader's attention. It is a call to action.
	3	1. Make a splash 2. Surf the skies 3. Hang on in there
	4	The subheadings divide up the article into sections based on different activities.
	5	To encourage the reader not to be put off by potentially dangerous activities.
53	1	Bullet points – To list key points. Italics – To emphasise text. Numbers – To give instructions. Caption – To give more information.
	2	They are a warning.
	3	To indicate the ingredients.
	4	To show what the jam tarts should look like.

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	2	Michelle has a fiery temper. Troy is quiet. Michelle likes arguments. Troy says he doesn't like them but joins in. They both pick on the writer.															
	3	The writer thinks the actions of Michelle and Troy are bullying. The mother thinks it is just part of growing up in a family.															
	4	Originally caravans had oil lamps but now they have electric lighting.															
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59	1	Galileo															
	2	Saturn can be seen without a telescope. Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun.															
	3	About five hundred million miles															
61	1	It tapped like ghostly fingers on my bedroom window.															
	2	cocoon															
	3	Any four from: You're guaranteed to be clean best ever soap new and improved feel refreshed and smell wonderful you'll save money															
63	1	The name Mountain-Man Dan implies a very large man, and this is supported by the sentence: 'He was huge'. Hillbilly Haystack implies someone not quite as large as Mountain-Man Dan. 'Although he was a big man, he seemed tiny in comparison.'															
	2	Everyone was afraid of Mountain-Man Dan and the front row of the audience ducked when he growled at them. In contrast, Hillbilly Haystack didn't frighten people and he waved to his friends in the audience.															