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T: understand a story

- 1) Why did Rita tell everyone what a good friend Gina was?
- 2) Why did Gina's mother think it was her fault that Gina would not share?
- 3) What does the author do to show when a character is speaking?
- 4) What is the moral of both this story and the story about the ant and the dove?
- 5) Why do you think Gina's parents spoil her?
- 6) Why did Gina's mother tell her the story of the ant and the dove instead of just telling her to help Rita?
- 7) What does the narrator mean when they say 'Right now all she wanted was for the ground to open up and swallow her' (4th from last paragraph)?
- 8) Why did Gina wait until she was alone before she started to cry?
- 9) Compare Rita and Gina (this means how are they the same and how are they different)?
- 10) Would the story affect how you behave? Why? (Explain your answer - use 'because')
- 11) Why do you think Gina might have called the other girl names and pushed her?
- 12) What does it mean that the teacher had patiently explained how to do the sums?
- 13) If Gina went to our school would you be friends with her? Why? (Explain your answer - use 'because')

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- 1) Because Gina helped her to understand the work (AF2)
- 2) Because she had spoilt Gina (AF2)
- 3) Use speech marks (with a new line for each speaker) (AF4)
- 4) That if you help other people, they will help you (AF6)
- 5) Because they love her / because she annoys them to buy her things / because she is their only child (AF3)
- 6) Being told a story is more interesting / persuasive than being told what to do (AF3)
- 7) Gina wanted to disappear because she was embarrassed (AF5)
- 8) Because she didn't want anyone to see her crying (AF3)
- 9) Similarities - they are both girls / are in the same class
Differences - Gina is loud and bossy whereas Rita is quieter / Rita started later at the school than Gina (AF3)
- 10) Yes - it makes me want to be nice to other people
No - I'm already nice to people / I didn't like it (AF7)
- 11) The other girl might have called her a name first / they might not like each other / Gina might have felt angry about something else and taken it out on her (AF3)
- 12) The teacher had taken her time and gone over the sums several times (AF5)
- 13) Yes because in the end of the story she is helpful
No because she is bossy and selfish (AF3)

Brackets at the end refer to the AF focus, as given in the APP reading levels grids