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T: understand a story

- 1) Who are the two main characters?
- 2) How much time was each student to be given to prepare their presentation?
- 3) What the name of the Queen of France in the late 18th century?
- 4) What did Raghu walk past on his way home from school?
- 5) What did the head teacher's wife 'thrust in to Mr Pal's hands'?
- 6) What was the name of the teacher whose house Mr Pal spent a long time in after he had been given the white envelope?
- 7) If you were Raghu, how would you feel about Mr Pal when he was going to make you give a presentation that you didn't want to give?
- 8) How do you think Raghu felt when Mr Pal changed his mind so that he didn't have to give the presentation?
- 9) Who wrote the story?
- 10) What does it mean that Raghu's 'classmates were reduced to quivering jellies' when it was their turn to stand up and teach the rest of the class?
- 11) Do you think the person who wrote the story likes teachers who break the rules? How can you tell?
- 12) This story is set in India. How do you think schools in India might be different to schools in this country?

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- 1) Raghu and Mr Pal (AF2)
- 2) A week (AF2)
- 3) Marie Antoinette (AF2)
- 4) The staff houses (AF2)
- 5) A white envelope (AF2)
- 6) Mr Tipnis (AF2)
- 7) Angry / worried / upset / fearful etc (AF3)
- 8) Relieved / happy / grateful / pleased etc (AF3)
- 9) Brishti Bandyopadhyay (AF4)
- 10) They were afraid / nervous / anxious etc (AF5)
- 11) No because he makes the pupil find out about the teacher breaking the rules and the pupil 'gets one over' the teacher (Mr Pal) who breaks the rules (AF6)
- 12) Any reasonable answer (AF7)

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