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T: understand a story

- 1) How many children were there in the class?
- 2) What title was the boy who was judged to be the best teacher to be given?
- 3) As Raghu climbed the stairs he mumbled "it's my turn tomorrow" and walked very slowly as if he were sleep-walking. What does this tell you about how he was feeling?
- 4) When Mr Pal told the class that each child would have to teach a whole lesson the rest of the class (in paragraph 3) he 'grinned', rather than 'smiled'. What does this tell you about how he felt and what sort of person he is?
- 5) If you were Raghu would you have let Mr Pal know that you had seen him breaking the rules? Why / why not?
- 6) Write 3 sentence to describe the beginning, middle and end of the story.
- 7) Why is the word 'dreading' (in the first paragraph) a good adjective?
- 8) What is Mr Pal inviting the children to do when he invites them "to chew my brains" (3rd paragraph)?
- 9) Raghu (in the second from last paragraph on the first page) says that he felt 'close' to Marie Antoinette. Why did he feel close to her?
- 10) What do you think was in the white envelope that Tapan's mum gave to Mr Pal (on the second page)?
- 11) Who do you think the author has more sympathy for: Raghu or Mr Pal? How do you know?
- 12) Give one similarity (thing that is the same) and one difference between Raghu's school and your own school.

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- 1) 24 (AF2)
- 2) The Class Prodigy (AF2)
- 3) He was worried / unhappy etc (AF3 + AF5)
- 4) He was enjoying them being worried / unhappy because he is mean / nasty (not just that he was happy) (AF3 + AF5)
- 5) Yes - it was the right thing to do / I might be able to use it to stop the Class Prodigy scheme
No - I would be afraid of what he might do (AF3 + AF5)
- 6) Something like Raghu and his classmates are being made to give a presentation by their mean teacher. However Raghu sees the teacher breaking an important rule. Raghu confronts the teacher to let him know he seen him break the rules so the teacher doesn't make the class give any more presentations. (AF4)
- 7) It shows how worried Raghu was / it is stronger than saying he was worried, scared, nervous or afraid (AF5)
- 8) Come and speak to him for ideas (AF3 + AF5)
- 9) Because she was about to be executed and so was petrified, the same way he felt (AF3 + AF5)
- 10) Money to pay him for tutoring her son (AF3)
- 11) Raghu because he 'wins' in the end (AF6)
- 12) Any reasonable similarity e.g. they have a head teacher and any reasonable difference e.g. our teacher isn't nasty (AF7)

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