

5. Shannon sat hunched over, biting her nails distractedly and sniffing back the tears, [*body language shows anxiety and distress*] outside the Head Teacher's office. The other girl sitting next to her, Becky Davitt, had been to blame but the teacher had resolved to punish them both.

The door opened and the Head appeared. He looked at Becky Davitt and signed with weary resignation. [*shows lack of surprise and that he sees her as a problem*]

'Becky Davitt,' he began, glaring at her. [*reported speech turned into dialogue, with vivid verb expressing his negative view*] 'You're always in trouble. I'm sick of having to deal with your bad behaviour.'

Davitt continued to stare out of the window, arms folded. She screwed up her mouth as if chewing, half-closed her eyes and glanced at her watch. [*her body language shows exaggerated disrespect and indifference*]

When the Head recognised Shannon his eyebrows raised [*shows surprise*] and he took a deep breath.

'Well, Shannon. I wasn't expecting to see you here, I must say. Can you explain?'

Shannon opened her mouth to speak. 'Sir, I tried to tell Miss Peace, but ...'. She broke off as she caught sight of Becky [*shows her fear*] looking hard at her and, without the Head noticing, drawing her finger slowly across her throat like a knife.

'Well, Shannon ...' The Head shook his head and looked away, then back. 'I'm afraid you give me no choice.' [*shows reluctance to punish her*]

## Chapter 8

1. Answers will vary. **(1 mark for each bullet point and 5 for the whole summary)**

2. Answers will vary. **(1 mark for each bullet point and 5 for the whole summary)**

3. ➤ 177

Various answers possible. Here is one suggestion.

- Tintern Abbey is an exciting sight from the river.
- The river is tidal to Bigsweir.
- The tide is a problem but has advantages.
- If you check tide times you can ride the tide upstream and back.
- You can ride the outgoing tide to get to Tintern, avoiding rapids.

Tintern Abbey is exciting viewed from the river, which is tidal as far as Bigsweir. The tide can be a problem, but it does have its advantages. If you check the tide times online you can ride the tide upstream and back with little effort. You can also ride the outgoing tide to Tintern, thus avoiding the rapids at Coed Ithel Weir. (62 words) **(10 marks for a summary of fewer than 70 words)**

## Chapter 9

1. ➤ 181–184

Various answers possible. Here is one suggestion.

*Travel to Mars*

Ever since the USA and USSR began the space race in the 1960s, with the Russian Yuri Gagarin being the first man in space, nations have wanted to assert their status by showing that they can take part in this race. Even India, a country in which thousands of people live in poverty, homeless and starving, has recently sent a space rocket to Mars. Surely this is just misguided international rivalry.

At this point in human history, the whole of planet Earth is threatened. Pollution is causing global warming at an accelerating pace, which is melting the polar ice caps, and the Amazon is being destroyed. We should be putting all the resources we can spare into saving our own planet, not sending rockets to other planets.

People say that going to Mars fulfils the key human instinct to explore, but we can explore in different ways. For example, we can find out more about how our fragile ecosystems on Earth work, we can study wildlife, and we can explore the depths of the ocean. **(12 marks)**

2. ➤ 185

My girlfriend and I went out for a meal in a new restaurant called Edmundo's last night. The food was over-priced and not really worth it. There was a fountain in the middle of the floor, which was stone-tiled, so the place echoed quite a lot and it wasn't always easy to hear a conversation. The food was tasty but barely adequate: I only had two potatoes with my beef. Still, walking around the place, I noticed that the other diners seemed to be enjoying themselves. **(1 mark for each)**

3. ➤ 185

Strangely enough, one of my favourite places is the local supermarket car park. This is because I go skateboarding there with my friends. A manager at the supermarket used to complain sometimes and tell us to go somewhere else because we were scaring off the customers and losing the supermarket money, but this was  rubbish. I talked to some of the customers and they used to like watching us. Anyway, we were always careful to keep out of the way of cars. Another point is that the council is meant to be making us a skate park and they've never got round to it. Using the car park keeps us off the streets. It also has some nice, gentle slopes, and sheltered spots to just hang out and chat. **(1 mark for each)**

## Chapter 10

1. ➤ 188–189

Various alternatives are possible. Here is one example.

Rosa and I were just amusing ourselves in the park, by the swings, one day. We were laughing at a little girl who had been eating a box of chocolates and had chocolate all over herself. She was in a terrible mess. Her mother came over and told her off. It turned out that the chocolates weren't even meant to be for the little girl. She'd stolen them from her mother's bag. They were meant to be for her grandmother, or something like that. Well, if I had done that at her age, my mother would have lost her temper. We didn't have much money to spend on things like that.

After a while, Rosa and I got bored. After all, we weren't little children anymore, playing on swings and that sort of thing. And we'd been sitting there for an hour or more. So I said to Rosa, 'Why don't we go to your house and do our homework?'

She looked at me as if I were mad and said, 'We did it already! Don't you remember?'

To tell you the truth, I'd forgotten.

2. ➤ 190–191

**(1 mark for each correctly identified device)**

- Alliteration
- Antithesis
- Exaggeration (and metaphor)
- Irony
- List
- Metaphor
- Onomatopoeia
- Oxymoron
- Parallelism
- Personification
- Repetition
- Rhetorical question
- Simile
- Triple (triad, tricolon)