### Answer keys

**Taste and Other Tales**

**Book key**

1–2 Open answers

3  a  T  b  F  c  F  d  T  e  T  f  F

4 Open answers

5  a  Open answers (including deck, purser and perhaps rail)
   b–c Open answers

6  a  What has the sea been like on the voyage?
   b  What does the captain do each day?
   c  When does the ship start rolling again?
   d  Where does Mr Botibol sit during the auction?
   e  How much will the winner of the competition receive?
   f  What does Mr Botibol plan to buy with the money?
   g  What does Mr Botibol see when he looks out of the window the next morning?
   h  Why does he decide to jump into the sea?
   i  Why does he want this to happen?
   j  What is going to happen to him now?

7  a  He thought she would shout for help.
   b  She just watches him. She does tell her carer later, but she is a simple woman and is not believed.
   c Open answers

8  a  Soldiers.
   b–c Open answers

9  a  Mrs Bixby / Mr Bixby
   b  Wilkins (the Colonel's servant) / Mrs Bixby
   c  Mrs Bixby / herself
   d  pawnbroker / Mrs Bixby
   e  Mr Bixby / Mrs Bixby
   f  Miss Pulteney / Mrs Bixby

10 b

11–12 Open answers

13 several servants / a very big house / a lift / in the middle of New York

14 He arrives late. / He washes his hands. / He walks very slowly down the steps. / He goes back for his cigarettes. / He searches through his pockets for his daughter's present. / He goes back into the house to look for it.

15 a  She hears her husband shouting for help.
    b  He is stuck in the lift.
    c  She goes away and leaves him in the locked and empty house.

16 Possible answers:
   Mr Foster: annoying, calm, clever, cruel, nasty
   Mrs Foster: anxious, desperate, kind, lonely, nervous
   – but later, calm, clever, cruel
   + Open answers

17–18 Open answers

19 a  3  b  6  c  2  d  11  e  10  f  1  g  9  h  5  
    i  4  j  12  k  8  l  7

20 a  1  A scream.
    b  1  A low screaming sound.
    c  1  A small flower out of the ground.

21–22 Open answers

23 a  five  b  husband  c  drinks  d  leave  e  lamb
    f  freezer  g  hits  or  kills  h  die  i  cooker
    j  vegetables  k  cake  l  police  m  body  n  eat

24–25 Open answers

26 a  3  b  2  c  5  d  1  e  4  f  6

27–28 Open answers

29 a  awake  b  is lying on him  c  a small one
    d  get a doctor  e  Harry  f  the krait  g  no krait
    h  Timber

30–40 Open answers

**Discussion activities key**

1–2 Open answers

3  a  In Llandaff in South Wales. In 1916.
   b  Norwegian
   c  He was a fighter pilot.
   d  In Washington.
   e  His exploits during the war.
   f  *James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
   g  In 1990. He was 74.

4  a  Mike Schofield says this to Richard Pratt.
   b  Mike Schofield says this to the narrator.
   c  Richard Pratt says this to Mike Schofield.
   d  Louise says this to her father.
   e  Louise says this to her father.
   f  The servant says this to Richard Pratt.

5–9 Open answers
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10  a  confidence  
b  good humour  
c  nervous  
d  calm  
e  rough  
f  pride  
g  guess  
h  slow  
i  pleasure  
j  fat  

11–14  Open answers  

15  Suggested answer: 
Their marriage may last considering that now both are having affairs which have lasted for so long.  

16–18  Open answers  

19  Suggested answers:  
– Mr Foster has been dead inside the elevator for two weeks.  
– Mrs Foster will probably move to Paris to be close to her daughter and grandchildren.  

20–23  Open answers  

24  Suggested answer:  
A crime that is committed and no person is found responsible for it.  

25–27  Open answers  

28  Suggested answers:  
They were probably killed by their father but we do not know for sure. All we know is that they have all died and that their father does not like them very much.  

29–30  Open answers  

31  Suggested answers:  
Because the doctor thinks Harry has invented everything.  

32–40  Open answers  

Activity worksheets key  

1  a  Yes, he does.  
b  So that it can reach the perfect temperature for drinking.  
c  A case of the wine.  
d  Fifty cases.  
e  She thinks that it is nonsense.  
f  He says ‘He cannot possibly win.’  
g  Yes, he does.  
h  He cheats by looking at the label before the meal.  

2  a  3  b  5  c  1  d  7  e  4  f  2  g  6  

3  a  No, the distance the ship will cover.  
b  He consults the purser.  
c  He wants a new car.  
d  Very few possibilities as the sea is very calm in the morning.  
e  She doesn’t call for help.  

4  a  The auctioneer to the audience  
b  Mr Botibol during the auction  
c  Mr Botibol talking to the purser about how the captain made his guesses  
d  Mr Botibol wandering what to do so that he could win  
e  The old lady at the end of the story justifying her being absent during the auction  

5  a  Once a month, always on a Friday, Mrs Bixby would get on a train …  
b  She had lost one thing but gained another.  
c  Aunt Maude doesn’t have that sort of money.  
d  A pawnbroker never gives you more than about a tenth of the real value.  
e  His suits are just too silly.  
f  You’re a lucky girl, that’s what you are.  

6  a  Mrs Foster  
b  Mr Foster  
c  The butler is speaking to Mrs Foster.  
d  Mr Foster is speaking to Mrs Foster.  
e  Mr Foster is speaking to Mrs Foster.  
f  Mr Foster is speaking to Mrs Foster.  
g  The driver is speaking to Mrs Foster.  

7  Open answers  

8  a  Why does the doctor visit Klausner?  
b  What do plants do when they are cut?  
c  Why does Mrs Saunders run into her house?  
d  Why does the doctor come to Klausner’s house again?  
e  What does the falling branch do?  
f  Why does the doctor agree to treat the tree with iodine?  

9  a  6  b  5  c  1  d  4  e  2  f  3  g  8  h  7  i  9  

10  a  1  b  1  c  3  d  3  e  2  f  1  g  2  

11  a  2  b  5  c  7  d  3  e  8  f  10  g  11  h  1  

12–13  Open answers  

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Progress test key
1  a  3  b  5  c  1  d  4  e  2
2  a  That the ship will travel less than 820 kilometres.
   b  He waits to find out how much money there is to win.
   c  Because the sea is calm so the ship can travel faster.
   d  An old lady
   e  He takes his exercise.
3  a  Why does Mrs Bixby really go to Baltimore?
   b  What does the Colonel give her as a present?
   c  How much does Mrs Bixby ask the pawnbroker for the coat?
   d  Where does she tell her husband that she found the ticket?
   e  Why does Mrs Bixby not want to go to the pawnbroker’s with her husband?
4  a  anxiety
   b  missing
   c  Paris
   d  daughter
   e  three
5  a  False. He has made the machine.
   b  False. He is a short, weak man.
   c  True
   d  True
   e  False. He phones him early in the morning.
6  a  2  b  4  c  3  d  1  e  5
7  a  The doctor
   b  Otto
   c  Adolf
   d  Klara
   e  Mr Alois Hitler
8  a  2  b  1  c  1  d  2  e  3