Ghosts International: Troll and Other Stories

Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES (PAGE 46)

1 Y 2 N 3 N 4 Y 5 N 6 Y 7 N

2 Encourage students to guess and speculate, but do not give them the answers. They will find out as they read that the answers are:

1 hates
2 does not see
3 frightening
4 loses
5 sorry
6 finds

After Reading

1 Omar in A Gift for Omar. He is thinking about his brother Abdul, and wondering why he is later than usual. Abdul is still somewhere on the road from Buraimi.
2 The soldier’s mother in The Road Home. She is thinking about her son, the soldier, and still waiting for him to come home. He has nearly reached her house.
3 Tom in A New Year’s Game. He is thinking about Alice. The church clock has just struck midnight and she has died.
4 Sonja’s grandfather in Troll. He is thinking about the trolls. He has just nailed an old metal saw into one of his apple trees.

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THIRSTY
CLOCK
TROLLS
TYING
TRADITIONAL
AMBULANCE
GAME

1 The hidden word is scrying.
2 It comes from A New Year’s Game.
3 It means trying to see into the future.

3 1+7+10
Sonja’s grandfather puts something metal in a tree, because he doesn’t want a troll in his garden, but Sonja’s parents don’t do that.
2+8+9
The soldier wants to see his mother, who will make tea for him, after he gets home.
3+5+12
Alice doesn’t want to go scrying, but she agrees to go, because she likes being with her cousins.
4+6+11
Abdul doesn’t check his car before he leaves Buraimi, so he has to get in the stranger’s car.

4 Open answers. Encourage discussion.
5 Open answers.
6 5, 2, 7, 4, 1, 6, 3
5 Karin: ‘You say you saw a troll in the garden?’
2 Sonja: ‘Well, I didn’t actually see one, but the clothes blew about on the washing line!’
7 Karin: ‘That’s what clothes do when it’s windy!’
4 Sonja: ‘But there wasn’t any wind at all that day!’
1 Karin: ‘Of course there was a wind!’
6 Sonja: ‘No, really, there wasn’t. The troll was doing it – he was tying the clothes into knots!’
3 Karin: ‘Come on, Sonja! No one believes that kind of thing any more!’

7 Suggested answers:
Today I went back to Great-Grandma’s village. The people there told me something strange. They don’t hear the ghostly boots tramping along the road any more. Even stranger, they all agree the ghostly sounds stopped suddenly, the day after my poor Great-Grandmother’s death! None of us can really understand/explain it.

8 Troll: The Washing Line, The Saw in the Tree
A Gift for Omar: The Man in Dark Glasses, Route 21
A New Year’s Game: The Clock Strikes Midnight, Pictures of the Future
The Road Home: Two Cups of Tea, Keeping a Promise

Open answers.

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