Level 4 Homework

Due: Wednesday 28th May

Remember! You can access your homework on the Burwood Heights Primary School Website. At [www.burwoodhps.vic.edu.au](http://www.burwoodhps.vic.edu.au) under Current News → Level 4

A. **Speaking and Listening**
   As part of our Integrated Studies unit this term, we are looking at ‘Natural Disasters’. We are in the process of understanding what parameters exist to determine natural disasters and the impact on people, places and animals.
   With a parent or guardian:
   Discuss together what is understood about ‘natural disasters’.
   Access news via television, radio or online, look at newspapers together to identify what, if any, type of natural disasters have occurred in the world this week. Take notes in your homework book about what you discover.

   Signature of parent/ guardian________________________

B. **Writing**
   Comprehension is the ‘power of the mind to understand’. No reading can be said to have taken place unless the written text is understood.

   **Narrative text – THE MAGICIAN**
   The magician was very good. The audience loved him. At the end of each act, they clapped and laughed and yelled for more. Then he called out. “For my last trick, I’ll need someone who is wearing glasses.” He looked at the eager faces before him. He pointed to a woman. “Do you want to be my helper?” Smiling, she went up to him, and put her glasses into the little velvet bag he was holding. He held it up. Then, to everyone’s horror, he threw it to the ground and jumped on it. The woman stared, speechless. Then, realising that this was just a magician’s trick, relaxed.

   “Would you pick the bag up please?”
   She did so.
   “Now open it and tip your glasses onto the table.”
   She did that too. Out of the bag fell the broken pieces of a pair of glasses. She smiled at the magician, waiting to be reassured that her glasses were somewhere safe, in one piece. But he was looking at the broken pieces with dismay. He stroked his chin and coughed gently.
   “I’m sorry. It’s gone wrong. I’ve done this broken glasses trick a hundred times. “The audience went very quiet. The woman stared at him. She didn’t know what to say. Her smile was gone.
“I’ll replace them, of course.” There was silence. Everyone was wondering what the woman would do. “I can lend you this pair while your new ones are being made.” He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of glasses. He handed them to her. She looked at them and burst out laughing. She could see that they were hers!

The magician bowed to the audience, who applauded long and loudly.

Write the answers, in complete sentences into your homework books.

1. Why did the magician choose the woman?
2. What did he ask the woman to do?
3. What did he say had gone wrong? Was it a part of his plan?
4. How did the woman feel when she thought her glasses were broken?
5. Why did she burst out laughing?
6. Where do you think he had put her glasses?

C. Reading
Read each night for at least 15 minutes. Record the title, time or pages read in your diary.

D. Spelling: List
Learn these words for an upcoming test.

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E. Mathematics: Revise your all your times tables for an upcoming test

Complete the open-ended problem on the attached sheet
'Packaging problems'
Make sure you stick it into your homework book.