



## Open-Ended Questions

1. Where did Sid keep his green disc at night whilst he slept?
2. Why do Sid and Petra go into the hall without their mother?
3. *“Yeah right,” she says, her face full of doubt and suspicion.  
“Anything interesting you’re hiding in your trouser pockets?”  
I ignore her but my heart thumps in my chest.*

What does the phrase, *my heart thumps in my chest*, tell you about the way Sid is feeling at this point in the story?

4. *I am about to open my pencil case to get a pen when the woman in the grey suit walks over to me. “We want everyone to use these pens,” she says, handing me one from a large tin.*

Why do you think that the spelling bee organisers want everyone to use the same pens?

5. *I try to reach out to her but suddenly I can feel my entire body freezing...*

How long do you think Sid stays frozen for and what happens when time unfreezes again?