

# The Hunter

## Retrieval Questions

**A hunter has to find an animal, catch it and bring it back as a trophy. You will often have the less cruel task of hunting words instead of animals. You must find what the examiner is asking for and bring back the evidence to prove you found it.**

### Summary:

- Point:** What did you find?  
**Evidence:** Quote - Where did you find it?  
**Explain:** Why does this answer the question?

### DO:

- GO BACK TO THE PASSAGE
- Be clear of what you are being asked to look for, then try to find it
- Give evidence, using quotation marks, that is introduced with a comma or a colon.
- If appropriate, use P.E.E.
- Remember, this is often the easiest type of question and the answer will be in the text waiting for you to find it

### DON'T:

- Try to memorise what you have read. This is not a test of your memory skills, so make it easier for yourself and refer to the passage
- Forget to use speechmarks for your quote
- Misquote the passage - use the exact words and phrasing from the text in your quote



### Example:

**Find two words that suggest that Mary was feeling Miserable.**

The two words that suggest Mary felt miserable are, "gloomily" and "wearily". These show Mary's sad feelings in the way she behaves.

# Hunter Question Practice

Read the following short passage and have a go at answering these hunter-style, retrieval questions.

Marty had always been a natural hoarder. Collecting stuff was something he just couldn't help. And 'collecting' was exactly how Marty liked to describe it. 'Thieving', however, might have been a more accurate word. Nicking. Pinching. Looting. Nabbing. Just good old fashioned stealing, really. But collecting seemed a friendlier word for it, as if it was a curious hobby, rather than a shameful crime.

His bedroom was a museum of all of his 'collections' and he displayed them with pride. Stacks of stolen comic books from the local newsagents filled his bookshelves. Mountains of pocketed chocolate bars, burst from under his bed. Bucket loads of matchboxes - more than he could ever use, even if he had a bonfire to light. And, for some unknown reason, exactly fourteen wooden spoons in a plant pot on his windowsill.

**1. List five words the writer uses to mean 'stealing' to explain how Marty collected his things.**

**(5 marks)**

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**2. What objects does Marty have in his collection?**

**(4 marks)**

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# Get Inside the Examiner's Mind!



Have a look at these example answers to the Hunter-style questions and think about how you would mark them. The first one has been done for you.

**1. List five words the writer uses as well as 'stealing' to explain how Marty collected his things.**

**(5 marks)**

## Good answer

EVIDENCE GIVEN IN QUOTES

The writer uses the following words to mean 'stealing': "Nicking", "pinching", "Looting", "nabbing" and "thieving".

ALL FIVE WORDS FOUND

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## Bad answer

ONLY THREE WORDS FOUND

The writer says "pinching, looting, nabbing and stealing."

SAME WORD AS IN THE QUESTION

NO QUOTATION MARKS

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Now your turn...

**2. What objects does Marty have in his collection?**

**(4 marks)**

Marty's collection contains, "stacks of stolen comic books," "mountains of pocketed chocolate bars," "bucket loads of matchboxes" and, "fourteen wooden spoons in a plant pot."

Comics, chocolate, matches and spoons.