

CHAPTER TWELVE – READING RESOURCES

Reading Skill	Activity
Retrieval	<p>Why was it best for Grandpa not to mention the fairies when calling 999? (p77) <i>They might think that they were drunk/crazy.</i></p> <p>How long did the police expect it would take them to get to Diddlesdale Farm? (p79) <i>25 minutes</i></p> <p>How did Grandpa show that he wanted the telephone back? (p80) <i>He beckoned to Poppy.</i></p> <p>Who was the brave fairy who put a shield around Mr Featherbottom? (p81) <i>Elvina</i></p> <p>How many helicopters did they see fly down to the barn? (p81) <i>Three</i></p> <p>How many men left the barn? Which fairy was correct? (p83) <i>19, Deri was correct.</i></p> <p>What was the time when Poppy, Lord Ted and Grandpa went back into the house? (p84) <i>6am</i></p>
Inference	<p>How do you think Nanny and Grandpa felt when Poppy was talking to the police? (p79/80)</p> <p>Why did Grandpa need to get changed? (p81) <i>He was wearing his pyjamas.</i></p> <p>Grandpa was feeling very proud of Poppy at the end of the chapter. Write a letter from Grandpa to Poppy explaining how proud of her he is, but also how worried about her he would've been.</p>
Vocabulary	<p>Using a dictionary, write a definition of each of the words below.</p> <p>Authoritatively (p77) <i>In a commanding and self-confident manner that induces respect and obedience.</i></p> <p>Mobilised (p79) <i>Organize and encourage (a group of people) to take collective action in pursuit of a particular objective.</i></p> <p>Sheepishly (p84) <i>In an embarrassed manner due to shame or a lack of self-confidence.</i></p> <p>Ruthless (p84) <i>Having or showing no pity or compassion for others.</i></p>

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Summary	<p>Why did Poppy want to phone the police? (p77) Add as much detail to your summary as possible.</p> <p>Imagine you are one of the fairies. Write a summary of the events at the barn in 25 words or less.</p>
Author	<p>On page 81, the author uses the word 'thundering' to describe the way that Grandpa comes down the stairs. Why does he use this word and what does it tell us about Grandpa's actions? He uses this word to show the urgency that Grandpa comes down the stairs with and that he is in a hurry.</p> <p>Why does the author use ellipsis several times on p83? To add suspense to the story.</p>

