



Tuesday 19th January

1. a) What is Rippa's real name?

Tarquin

- b) Why is it not a good idea to call him that?

He throws things at people who call him that.

2. Look at page 28: *His beady eyes followed me as I strolled around the shop, pretending to browse, keeping an eye out for clues.*

What does the word **beady** mean in the sentence above? Tick **one**.

watchful

round

shiny

suspicious

3. Look at page 28. Rippa's shop is described as small. What other impression do you get of this shop?

Crammed/crowded/packed/full/cramped

4. Look at page 28: *'These are the old comics?' I asked innocently. 'The really collectible ones?'*

Why does Saxby ask this **innocently**?

- *because he already knows the answer*
- *he is trying to see if Rippa tells the truth*

5. Look at page 29.

Find and copy one word that means the same as unique.

rare

6. *I leafed through the box casually.*

What does the word **leafed** mean in the sentence above?

flicked through/rifled through/looked

7. Look at page 30: *Printed in 1938, that was. Nobody's got a complete set of those, not anywhere in the world. I've only got the one issue so I'm selling it cheap, just thirty pounds.*

Why does this suggest Rippa is a liar?

Because if no one in the world has a complete set, and he only has one copy, why would he sell it so cheap?

8. Look at page 31: *"What?" grunted Rippa. "No, I haven't! Can't you see the sign in the window?"*

What does the word **grunted** suggest about how Rippa is feeling at this point in the text?

annoyed/frustrated/exasperated

9. What is your impression of Rippa so far? Give **two** impressions and use evidence from the text to justify your answers.

various – tbc by teacher