



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

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

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

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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 get of this shop?

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

Why does Saxby ask this **innocently**?

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5. Look at page 29.

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

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6. *I leafed through the box casually.*

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

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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?

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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?

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

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