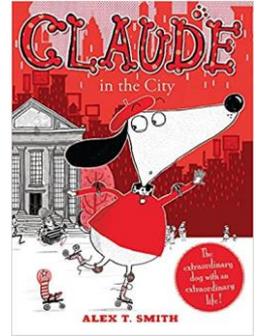


Comprehension

Read the first part of the story below, then answer the questions. Remember to underline the answers in the text.



Claude in the City  
By Alex T. Smith

Claude is a dog. Claude is a small dog. Claude is a small, plump dog. Claude is a small, plump dog who wears a beret and a lovely red jumper. Claude lives in a house with Mr and Mrs Shineyshoes. Claude also lives with his best friend, Sir Bobblysock. Sir Bobblysock is both a sock and quite bobbly. He is grubby and smells a bit like cheese.

Every morning, after breakfast, Mr and Mrs Shineyshoes put on their shiny shoes and their warm coats. Claude watches them from his bed. He watches them with one beady eye open, and one beady eye closed. 'Be a good boy, Claude,' says Mr Shineyshoes. 'We'll be back soon!' says Mrs Shineyshoes. And off they go to work.

As soon as the door has closed behind them, Claude opens both beady eyes. He takes his beret out from underneath his pillow and pops it on his head. Then he decides what adventures he is going to have that day.

Part 1

One morning, Claude put on his beret and decided to go to the City. 'I think I will go to the City,' he said and he did. Sir Bobblysock came too, as he didn't have anything planned that day. Claude had never been to the City before. He couldn't believe how tall all the buildings were. They stretched right up into the air and some of them disappeared into the clouds. Sir Bobblysock was glad that it wasn't him who had to clean the windows. The city was big and bright very, very busy. There was so much to do!

By eleven o'clock, Claude was feeling a little bit thirsty so he went to a fancy café with Sir Bobblysock. Claude ordered a large hot chocolate with marshmallows and a straw. Sir Bobblysock ordered a big, fruity cocktail which looked more like a plant pot! Claude's drink was delicious and he drank every drop. Sir Bobblysock wasn't sure where to start...

Now it was time to go shopping! Claude was amazed that there were so many different sorts of shops. There were shoe shops, loo shops, chip shops, chop shops (which were really butcher's shops.) And there were even shops selling the most curious contraptions Claude had ever seen.

As they were setting off to find some lunch, Claude spotted a very interesting building. It had lots of steps, some big pillars at the front and it was exactly the same color as juicy bones. Juicy bones happened to be Claude's favourite things, after Sir Bobblysock and his beret.

So Claude and Sir Bobblysock went inside. A helpful person sitting behind a big desk told them the building was an art gallery. 'Here is a guide,' she said helpfully and handed Claude a guidebook. 'It tells you what is in each room.'

Claude said, 'Thank you,' left his boxes with her, and set off with Sir Bobblysock. He really liked looking at things and wanted to start straight away. The first room was full of sculptures. Claude discovered sculptures were bits of Art that weren't in frames and you could walk around, but absolutely not touch at all. Claude was very interested. Some sculptures were enormous or extremely small. The next room was full of lots of pictures in swirly frames. Claude and Sir Bobblysock sat down on a handy bench and looked at them. Some of the paintings had dogs in them, which made Claude happy. But none of them were wearing a beret... 'Let's go and have lunch,' said Claude to Sir Bobblysock. 'I could just eat a juicy, bone baguette!' Claude collected his boxes of berets and they set off to find a café.

Suddenly, a naughty robber in a striped jumper and a mask came running past the carrying one of the sculptures...

### Questions

Look at Page 1 for the answers to these questions

- 1) Write two adjectives to describe Claude.
- 2) What words can you find in the text, that tells us that Sir Bobblysock is not clean?
- 3) Why do you think Claude watches Mr and Mrs Shineyshoes with 'one beady eye open, and one beady eye closed,' when they are going to work?

4) What type of adventure do you think Claude will have? (You could think about where he will go, what will happen, who he will meet, what problems might he face and how the problems might be solved.)

5) Write three adjectives used to describe the city. Now write three different adjectives to describe the city.

6) What did Claude and Sir Bobblysock order from the fancy café? What would you order if you went to a fancy café?

Look at Page 2 for the answers to these questions

7) There were shops selling the most 'curious contraptions' that Claude had ever seen. What do you think 'curious contraptions,' means?

8) What do you think the 'interesting building' might be?

9) Why do you think Claude was interested in looking at the sculptures?

10) What do you think will happen next, after the naughty robber goes running past them?

Now listen to the rest of Part 1 of the story, using this link:

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