

ENGLISH 2021 (B)

Read *Damien and the Alien Socks* and answer questions 9 to 14.

Damien and the Alien Socks

Damien was getting dressed to go to school.

‘These aren’t my socks,’ said Damien, picking them off a pile of clean clothes. His dad looked up from his newspaper at the socks in Damien’s hand.

‘Well, they’re not mine,’ said Dad. ‘They’re too small for me.’

‘But I haven’t got any green socks,’ said Damien.

‘Well, you have now,’ said Dad.

Damien shrugged and walked off to his bedroom.

‘I bet they don’t even fit me,’ he said to himself, sitting on the bed. ‘Silly alien socks.’

He tried on the alien socks. They felt as warm as a cat’s fur coat. Damien even thought he could hear them purring like a cat. He listened hard. The alien socks were purring – and it was getting louder.

They seemed to be alive. And Damien’s feet, inside the socks, were getting hotter. His feet were roasting!

He pulled the socks off as fast as he could.

As he dropped them on the carpet, they stood up by themselves. Then, suddenly, green steam came out of the socks. Damien blinked. There stood a strange looking person, the same size as Damien.

‘Found them,’ said the alien.

‘Where have you come from?’ asked Damien.

‘Anywhere and everywhere,’ said the alien. ‘My socks take me anywhere I want to go. Today they went off without me, so I had to chase them. Mum gave me a lift in *her* socks.’

He put on his lime green socks and smiled.

‘That’s better. My feet are warming up nicely, now. Thank you for looking after my socks.’



9. Where were the socks when Damien first saw them?

- (A) on the carpet
- (B) in the bedroom
- (C) on a pile of clothes
- (D) in his dad's hand

10. Damien shrugged and went to his room because

- (A) he did not want to wear his dad's socks.
- (B) he thought there was no point arguing with Dad.
- (C) Dad told him that there were no clean clothes.
- (D) he realised that the socks would not fit him.

11. Which sentence has the same meaning as 'Found them'?

- (A) 'We've found them.'
- (B) 'He found them.'
- (C) 'They found them.'
- (D) 'I've found them.'

12. What can you tell about the alien?

(A) The alien was friendly towards Damien.
(B) The alien was much smaller than Damien.
(C) The alien seemed confused about where he was.
(D) The alien wanted to find his mother.

13. The word closest in meaning to 'hard', as it is used in the text, is

(A) suddenly.
(B) carefully.
(C) hopefully.
(D) properly.

14. In which of the following options is the information **CORRECT**?

What is said	Who said it
(A) 'These aren't my socks.'	Dad said to Damien.
(B) 'But I haven't got any green socks.'	Damien said to himself.
(C) 'I bet they don't even fit me.'	Dad said to Damien.
(D) 'Silly alien socks.'	Damien said to himself.