

# Sredni Vashtar

## Part 2 toast

Listen to the beginning of Part Two and complete the sentences with a word or a phrase.

The next day at (1) ....., Mrs De Ropp turned to Conradin and said, 'Yesterday the gardener took (2) ..... and sold it.'

She waited for Conradin to say (3) ....., to become angry; then she could (4) ..... why the chicken was taken away 'for his good'. But Conradin said (5) .....

Perhaps Mrs De Ropp felt a little guilty (6) ..... that (7) ..... there was toast on the table. Normally Conradin was not permitted to eat toast, even though it was his (8) ..... This time, however, Conradin did not eat the toast.

'I thought you liked toast,' she said.

'(9) ....., ' said Conradin.

Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

- 1 Why did Mrs De Ropp give Conradin toast for breakfast?
  - A ☐ Because she felt guilty about taking away Conradin's hen.
  - B ☐ Because toast was recommended by the doctor.
  - C ☐ Because Conradin hated toast, and Mrs De Ropp liked seeing Conradin suffer.
  - D ☐ Because there was nothing else to give him.
- 2 How did Conradin change his way of worshipping Sredni Vashtar?
  - A ☐ He starting praising him.
  - B ☐ He asked him do to do him a favour.
  - C ☐ He started to bring him things to eat.
  - D ☐ He brought him some guinea pigs.
- 3 Why didn't Conradin tell Sredni Vashtar what favour he wanted?
  - A ☐ Because he was embarrassed.
  - B ☐ Because he had already told Sredni Vashtar about the favour before.
  - C ☐ Because he did not really believe that Sredni Vashtar was a god.
  - D ☐ Because Sredni Vashtar was a god and would know what the favour was.
- 4 What did Mrs De Ropp think Conradin had in the shed?
  - A ☐ ferrets
  - B ☐ guinea pigs
  - C ☐ hens
  - D ☐ a dog
- 5 Who killed Mrs De Ropp?
  - A ☐ Sredni Vashtar
  - B ☐ the doctor
  - C ☐ Conradin
  - D ☐ the servants

- 6 What did Conradin do when he discovered that Mrs De Ropp was dead?
- A ☐ He fell down on his knees in a sign of thanks, and then went to play in the garden.
  - B ☐ He told the maid to bring him some tea.
  - C ☐ He sang his hymn.
  - D ☐ He fell down on his knees in a sign of thanks, and then he made himself some toast and butter.

Read the summary of 'Sredni Vashtar' and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓). If line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space below.

- 0 Conradin was ten years old and he have lived with his cousin  
00 Mrs De Ropp. One day Mrs De Ropp called the doctor because  
1 Conradin was always being sick. After examining Conradin, the  
2 doctor said to that Conradin would only live for another five years.  
3 Mrs De Ropp has agreed with him. So, from then on, she would  
4 always stop Conradin from doing anything amusing 'for his good'.  
5 Conradin's only moment of freedom came on when he went to the  
6 shed in the back of the garden. There he had two animals, a hen  
7 and a polecat-ferret. He gave the hen all the his love and affection,  
8 since he had had nobody else. The polecat-ferret was a god for him,  
9 and his name was been Sredni Vashtar.
- 10 One day when Mrs De Ropp told the gardener to take away the hen.  
11 When she did this, Conradin, who until then had only praised Sredni  
12 Vashtar, started asking to him for a favour. So, when Mrs De Ropp  
13 went to the shed to look into the hutch, Conradin began to sing  
14 his a song of praise for Sredni Vashtar. He imagined Mrs De Ropp  
15 opening the hutch and putting her hand in. Conradin waited and  
16 time passed, but she did not come out of the shed. His hope grew.  
17 Finally, Conradin saw his little god come out, and it was covered  
18 with the blood. Sredni Vashtar was a real god after all, and, to  
19 celebrate, Conradin made himself up some delicious buttered toast.

0 ..have.. 00 .....✓..... 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 .....  
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