

The Wondrous Second-Hand Shop

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19 chest of drawers and brought
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31 wood. Over time, its golden
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101 their stories to life for another
105 reader. The wondrous second-hand
112 shop was home to many objects that
117 longed for a new home.



Questions



1. Find and copy a phrase in the text that tells us that the setting is brightly lit.



2. Name **two** items that can be found in the second-hand shop.

1. _____

2. _____



3. Why do you think the author described the toys' colours as **once vivid**?

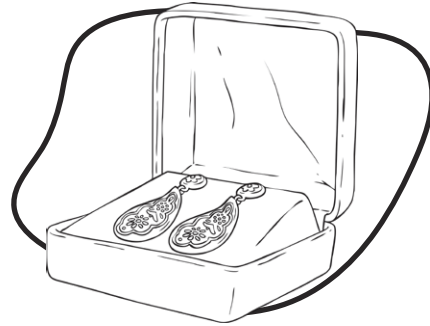


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2. Name **two** items that can be found in the second-hand shop.

Accept any two of the following: an old, mahogany chest of drawers; dazzling jewellery; plastic trucks; action figures; building blocks; well-loved books.



3. Why do you think the author described the toys' colours as **once vivid**?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author describes the toys' colours as once-vivid to highlight that they are not brand new toys and have been around for a long time.



4. Why do you think someone might go to the second-hand shop?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think someone might go to the second hand shop if they wanted to buy something second-hand. They may want to reuse an item rather than buy something brand new.