

Treetops Stage 11

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___ *They bashed the trousers up and down on Derek’s garden path.*

___ *The man at the bus station tossed the oily rag into a box.*

___ *They covered the trousers with hot water and washing powder and scrubbed them with a stiff brush.*

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Mr Such wore the same trousers to school every day. They were crumpled, baggy, grubby and thick.

2. Why was Mr Such wearing a new suit?

For Parents’ Evening.

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4. Mr Such was the hero of the hour. What did the head promise to get him?

Another brand new suit.

5. Coming clean has two meanings. What are they and why is “Coming Clean” such a good title for the book?

Come clean - owning up to what had happened.

Come clean – something is getting cleaned.

Both these things do not happen in the story.