**Absolutely Awful Adults**

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**Treetops Stage 14**

Before reading, look at the front cover, illustrations, skim through your book and read the blurb on the back. What do you think this book will be about?

Story 1

Mr. McMeanie, Minister for Child Control

1. What do you think Mr. McMeanie’s job involves?
2. Which school would you prefer to got to- Clink Street or Flowerpot and why?
3. How did the children manage to trick Mrs.Rattle?
4. Why do you think the whale had indigestion after eating Mr.McMeanie and Mr. Hardstone?
5. What happened to Clink Street school?
6. How did Mrs. Rattle eventually get what she deserved ?

Follow Up Task

Think about and visualise what would be you ideal school. Then draw a picture of it and label it using adjectives to describe it.

Story 2

Mr. Splatter’s Dreadful Dinners

1. After reading Crinkle Lane Primary’s menu, why do you think the children didn’t like their school dinners?
2. What simile does the writer use to describe Mr. Splatter’s angry face, on page 26?
3. What did Mr. Splatter do to the school dinners to get back at the teachers and children who had complained about how bad his cooking was?
4. What did the children find out by spying on Mr. Splatter about what he ate?
5. What did Jenny and Colin discover had happened to Miss Flurry’s Necklace? And what happened to them when they made this discovery?
6. Why could Mr. Splatter not run away from the police ?
7. Who did Mr. Splatter turn out to be?
8. Who became the new school cook at Crinkle Lane Primary?

Follow Up Task

Think about food you love and design a menu for each day for your school.(Remember to include some healthy food!)

3rd Story

Mr. Peacock, the Very Bright Headmaster

1. What did Mr. Peacock like to do?
2. What did Mr. Peacock tell the children he was going to introduce ?
3. What did Mr. Peacock decide would be the prize for the competition ?
4. What was Eric’s worry about how the school uniform may end up?
5. What did Eric over hear the headmaster tell his secretary about the children’s competition entries t change the uniform? And why did Mr. Peacock not like any of them?
6. Who won the competition and what made them think of making their uniform design so plain and ordinary?
7. On page 62 & 63 , which clues does the author give you that tells you Eric is a kind and generous boy?

Follow Up Task

Create a design for what would be your ideal school uniform.