Comprehension
Pam’s pet

Read the following very carefully.

Pam’s pet is a cat named Punch. Punch has a coat of soft black fur. Pam gives him milk every day. He laps it up with his long pink tongue. Then he purrs to show that he is happy.

He often sits on the rug by the fire. There he washes his face with his soft paws. His claws are very sharp, but he does not scratch Pam. Punch keeps mice away from the house.

1. Fill each space with the right word.

Pam's cat is ____________ in colour.

When Punch is happy, he ____________.

He uses his ____________ to drink the milk.

Punch likes sitting by the ____________.

He washes his face with his ____________.

His paws are ____________.

His claws are ____________.

Punch keeps ____________ away from the house.
The Giant Pwanku

Read the following story about the Giant Pwanku very carefully.

The Chinese have a story which tells how the first man hatched from an egg. This man grew two metres taller every day and became the giant Pwanku. With his pet tortoise for company, Pwanku pushed the sky up above the earth and carved the mountains and valleys with his great chisel. The sweat that poured from his body became rain. When he died his left eye became the sun and his right eye became the moon. His voice stayed behind to echo through the mountains as thunder.

Answer the questions below.

Pwanku’s pet was:

Each day Pwanku grew

- 2 metres
- 2 centimetres
- 2 miles

The sweat from Pwanku’s body became

- snow
- hail
- rain

The word giant means

- Of great size
- very beautiful
- rather foolish

The word echo means

- A sound that crackles
- a sound which bounces back
- a gurgling sound
- a loud sound

The word carve means

- Cut into shape
- a kind of shelter
- hidden away

Answer the following questions.

What did Pwanku carve with his chisel?

___________________________________________________________________________________

What happened to his left eye when he died?

___________________________________________________________________________________

What did his voice sound like when it echoed through the mountains?

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Thumbelina

All the summer through poor Thumbelina lived alone in the forest. She plaited herself a bed of green stalks and hung it up under a large dark leaf so that no rain might fall on her. She gathered honey from the flowers and every morning drank the dew which lay on the leaves. In this way she spent the summer and autumn, but then winter came - the long cold winter. The birds which had sung so sweetly for her flew away on their long journeys. The trees and flowers withered, the large dark leaf which she had lived under shrivelled up and became nothing but a yellow, withered stem, and she felt frightfully cold, for her clothes were now all torn and she herself was so tiny and frail.

From Thumbelina by Hans Christian Andersen

Underline the right answers.

*Her bed was made of:* Wood grass stalks leaves

*Her bed was:* hanging up on the grass on the ground

*"Plaited" means:* placed knitted picked wove

*Thumbelina ate:* bread honey grass stalks

*She drank:* rain lemon honey dew

*Why do you think she was called "Thumbelina"?*

She was very small she was cold

her clothes were torn

*"Shrivelled up" means:* very wet withered cold frozen

*Thumbelina lived in:* a house a wood a tent a park