

A Busy Morning

"Ouchhhh!" screamed Toby. I ran into the living room to see Toby lying on the hard, wooden floor, tears rolling down his chubby, little cheeks. Behind me, I heard my mum walk into the room.

"What have you been doing to Toby?!" she shouted, her face turning a deep red. "Go upstairs; I haven't got time for this today."

"But-" I started to explain.

"Upstairs. NOW," Mum ordered. "And finish your packing, we need to leave for the airport in 20 minutes."

I stomped up the stairs to my room. It wasn't fair! Angrily, I started throwing things into my suitcase: sunglasses, a swimming costume, shorts, flip-flops.

1. How is Mum feeling when she walks into the room? How can you tell? _____

2. What does Mum think has happened and why? _____

3. Why do you think Mum says "I haven't got time for this today"? What is she getting ready for? _____

4. Where do you think the family might be going? _____

5. Explain what clues there are to where the family are going. _____

6. How did the child feel who was told to go upstairs and finish packing? Give evidence using the text.

7. Where do you like to go on holiday? What things do you like to pack to take with you?

Answers

- 1) She was angry, cross, annoyed. She was shouting. Her face was deep red.
- 2) That Toby had been hurt or they were fighting. Toby was laying on the floor crying.
- 3) She is very busy getting ready to go to the airport- on holiday.
- 4) On holiday
- 5) They are packing to go on holiday- somewhere hot- suitcase: sunglasses, a swimming costume, shorts, flip-flops.
- 6) Angry, annoyed, it was unfair. They stomped and were throwing things into their suitcase.
- 7) Explanation of your own experience