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Comprehension based on 'Don't be Horrid, Henry!'

Henry was a horrid baby. He screamed in the morning, he screamed in the evening. At night he never slept. He put his breakfast on his head, lunch on the floor, dinner on the walls. And his nappies...what a stink!

Then Peter was born. Peter was a perfect baby. He smiled all day and slept all night. His nappies were never dirty (well almost never). Henry was not very happy when Peter arrived. In fact he was furious. "I've had just about enough of this baby," he said to Mum.

"Gootchie, Gootchie Goo," said Mum.

"Time to take that baby back to the hospital," he said to Dad.

"Who's my little plumpikins?" said Dad.

Henry glared at Peter. This house isn't big enough for both of us, he thought. Horrid Henry tried posting Peter. He tried dumping Peter. He tried losing Peter. He tried letting the wind blow him away. Perhaps he'll leave, thought Horrid Henry hopefully. Unfortunately, he didn't. He just grew bigger and bigger, sitting in Henry's chair, playing with Henry's toys, swinging on Henry's swing and was a total nuisance.

"Mum! Peter's kicking me!" screamed Henry.

"Don't be a tell-tale, Henry!"

"Dad! Peter's bashing Mr. Kill!"

"He's only little, Henry!"

"Dad! Henry's knocking down my lego!"

"Don't be horrid, Henry!"

"Why doesn't Peter ever get into trouble?" muttered Henry. Then Henry had a wonderful, wicked idea. "Peter," said Henry sweetly, "would you like to dig a hole to China?"

"Oh yes," said Peter.

Henry pointed to mum's newly dug flowerbed. "Dig here," he said. "It's easier." Peter started digging. Soon there was a lovely big hole. "That's great work, Peter," said Henry. "Why not show mum?" Peter toddled off. Tee hee, thought Henry. Mum came outside. "AARGGHHH!" she screamed. "Henry! How dare you dig up my flowerbed!"

"I didn't do it," said Henry. "Peter did."

"Don't be horrid, Henry!" shouted Mum. "Go to your room."

"It's not fair!" wailed Henry.

The next day, he tried again. "Let's surprise Mum and draw her a beautiful picture," said Henry. "How about a Viking ship?"

"Yeah!" said Peter.

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"We need a huge space," said Henry. "I know! Let's draw on the wall."

"On the wall," said Peter excitedly.

"We just couldn't fit a whole Viking ship on a tiny piece of paper," said Henry. "And just think how pleased Mum will be when she sees it."

"Okay," said Peter.

Henry giggled and sneaked off. This time *he'd* get Mum himself. "Mum, Mum! Peter's doing something terrible!" said Horrid Henry. "He's drawing on the walls." Mum ran upstairs.

"I didn't do it, my hand did," said Peter. "It was Henry's ideas."

"No it wasn't"

Don't be horrid, Henry. You're the eldest! You should have stopped him," said Mum. "Go to your room!"

The next day Mum took Henry and Peter to the park. Henry felt very sad. He couldn't get rid of Peter, and he couldn't get Peter into trouble. Maybe he could push Peter into a puddle when Mum wasn't looking.

Questions:

1. What six things made Henry a 'horrid baby'?

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2. What name did Dad call Peter as a baby?

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3. How did Henry try to get rid of Peter?

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4. Why did Henry think that Peter was a pain?

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What two things did Peter do that made Henry mad?

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5. When Henry knocked down Peter's Lego, why was he annoyed that he got into trouble for it?

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6. Why do you think "AARGGHHH!" is written in capital letters?

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7. Why does Henry tell Peter to dig the hole to China in the flowerbed?

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8. Why does Horrid Henry say that they need to draw on the wall?

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9. Did being told off and sent to his room change Henry's behaviour? Explain how you know.

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10. What is the difference between Henry and Peter telling their parents about the other being mean?

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11. How do you think the boys' parents felt because of their behaviour?

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12. Make a list of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs found in the text

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Verbs:

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Adjectives

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