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MADAM RIDES THE BUS

Oral Comprehension Check

1. What was Valli's favourite pastime?



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2. What was a source of unending joy for Valli?

What was her strongest desire?



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3. What did Valli find out about the bus journey? How did she find out these details?



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4. What do you think Valli was planning to do?



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5. Why does the conductor call Valli ‘madam’?



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6. Why does Valli stand up on the seat? What does she see now?



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7. What does Valli tell the elderly man when he calls her a child?



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8. Why didn't Valli want to make friends with the elderly woman?



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9. How did Valli save up money for her first journey? Was it easy for her?



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10. What did Valli see on her way that made her laugh?



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11. Why didn't she get off the bus at the bus station?



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12. Why didn't Valli want to go to the stall and have a drink? What does this tell you about her?



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1. What was Valli's deepest desire? Find the words and phrases in the story that tell you this.



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2. How did Valli plan her bus ride? What did she find out about the bus, and how did she save up the fare?



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3. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the sentences from the text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are the clues to your answer.

“Stop the bus! Stop the bus!” And a tiny hand was raised _____.



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4. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the sentences from the

text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are the clues to your answer.

“Yes, I _____ go to town,” said Valli, still standing outside the bus.



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5. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the sentences from the text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are the clues to your answer.

“There’s nobody here _____,” she said

haughtily. “I’ve paid my thirty paise like everyone else.”



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6. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the sentences from the text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are the clues to your answer.

“Never mind,” she said, “I can _____ . You don’t have to help me. “I’m not a child, I tell you,” she said, _____ .



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7. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the sentences from the text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are the clues to your answer.

“You needn’t bother about me. I _____,”

Valli said, turning her face toward the window and staring out.



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8. What kind of a person is Valli? To answer this question, pick out the sentences from the text and fill in the blanks. The words you fill in are the clues to your answer.

Then she turned to the conductor and said, “Well, sir, I hope _____.”



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9. Why does the conductor refer to Valli as ‘madam’?





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10. Find the lines in the text which tell you that Valli was enjoying her ride on the bus.



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11. Why does Valli refuse to look out of the window on her way back?



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12. What does Valli mean when she says, “I was just agreeing with what you said about things happening without our knowledge.”



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13. The author describes the things that Valli sees from an eight-year-old’s point of view. Can you find evidence from the text for this statement?



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