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Guided Reading Comprehension – Topaz Band 13 – Spider's Big Match

Page 8: Which sentence is true? Tick one.

- ☐ Parkfield needs to draw to win the championship.
- ☐ Stoneley must win their game.
- ☐ Stoneley must lose to win the championship.
- ☐ Parkfield needs a draw to win the championship.

Page 8: Why does Mr Smithers tell Darren off? Choose **one** reason only.

- ☐ He was being unkind in front of members of the Stoneley Football Club.
- ☐ His words and actions were hostile.
- ☐ Darren and Neil were having an argument about who would win.
- ☐ Mr Smithers likes to pick on naughty boys like Darren.

Page 11: Which phrases on this page tell us that Mr Smithers really did not want to choose Spider to be on the football team? Write them below.

Phrase 1:

Phrase 2:

Page 15: What does Mum do on this page that tells us that she is really surprised that Spider is on the football team?

Page 18: How does the Parkfield goal keeper move in order to stop a goal from being scored?

Page 21: Why do you think Mr Smithers decided not to tell Spider off?

Page 25: Think about how Spider is feeling at the end of this page. Circle 5 words from the list below that best and most accurately describe Spider's feelings. You may use a dictionary to help you in choosing the most accurate words.

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| dumbfounded | elated | abashed | furious | thrilled |
| fatigued | elated | jovial | grumpy | weary |
| ecstatic | troubled | apprehensive | angry | perplexed |

Chapter 6: Describe how the author has maintained the excitement throughout this chapter.

Whole text: Match the events of the story to the descriptions of Spider.

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| Always comes to breakfast with his clothes on back to front. | Thoughtful |
| Wonders whether leaves have feelings. | Clever |
| Remembers how he curved the ball when he broke the plant pot, and uses this to score a goal. | Clumsy |
| Broke his Mum's best geranium pot with a football. | Has great potential |
| His teacher tells his Mum this when he scores the final goal. | In a world of his own |
| Always gives answers to questions his teacher asked a long time ago. | A hopeless case |