



Elliot was mad about magic. Completely and utterly mad. It was all he talked about, all he thought about and even all he dreamed about. And it wasn't surprising, because magic was in Elliot's blood.

Elliot's great great grandfather had once been known as The Greatest Magician in the World. The Amazing Dextrini had spent his life travelling the globe and baffling huge audiences wherever he went.

Dextrini's tricks were unbelievable! Many magicians sawed their assistants in half but only Dextrini could make the bottom half tap dance across the stage while the top half juggled!

Legend had it that he'd once made the Eiffel Tower completely disappear. It astonished everyone, especially the family that had travelled halfway across the globe to get a photo with it.

And unlike other magicians who would simply pull a bunny out of a top hat, The Amazing Dextrini was far more ambitious ...



Choose an animal from the wheel. Place your finger on the word START. Spell out the name of your animal, moving your finger clockwise to the next animal on the wheel for every letter. You've now landed on a new animal name. Continue to spell the name of the new animal around the circle. You will land on another new animal. Spell out this animal in the same way to land on a final choice. Concentrate very hard and picture this animal in your head. Pull the animal out of the hat, to reveal ...





More than anything, Elliot wanted to be a world-famous magician, just like his great great grandfather. He had been to the library and borrowed the only magic book he could find. It was a dusty old thing, bound in leather and called *How to Make Any Object Vanish and Reappear*. Annoyingly though, the person who had borrowed it before Elliot clearly hadn't read it all the way through before trying the trick, because the front half of the book had disappeared! This, Elliot discovered, made it rather useless. After all, how could you make an object reappear if you couldn't make it disappear in the first place?

"What I really need," Elliot sighed, "is help from a real magician." His eyes glanced upwards to a framed photo on the bookcase in his living room - a picture of his great great grandfather standing next to the very same bookcase. Elliot had looked at that photo many times before but this time something new caught his eye.



The Amazing Dextrini appeared to be pointing to a book on one of the shelves. Elliot peered closely and could just make out the words on its spine: *137 Tips For Weeding Flower Beds*. Why on earth was Dextrini pointing out such a dull-sounding book? He must have had a reason but what could it be?

Elliot searched the shelves hoping that the book might still be there. He was just about to give up when he saw it. Yes, there it was! *137 Tips For Weeding Flower Beds*. But as he reached up and slid the book from its place he heard a loud **CLICK** and suddenly the bookcase swung open, just like a door! Behind it, Elliot could see into a hidden room that he'd never known was there.



Day 1:

1. What text type is this? How do you know?
2. Through whose eyes is the story told?
3. What was another name for the great, great grandfather?
4. Is the story told about events of the past or is it told in the present?
5. Tell me 2 things you know already about the main character.
6. What might you name the story from what you've read so far?

Day 2: Retrieval

1. Who was the famous magician?
2. What could he make his assistants do after sawing them?
3. What simple trick did he not do?
4. Sequence his appearing magic trick by number these 5 steps.

Choose an animal	
Repeat x2	
Spell out the animal	
Pull it out of the hat	
Picture the animal in your mind	

5. What was not spoken about? Tick 2.

His ancestors	
His friendships	
His siblings	

6. True or False

He bought a book at a book shop	
The magician gave a helpful hint	
The book was incomplete	
The entrance needed a geography book	

Day 3: Vocabulary

1. What does ambitious tell you about the magician?
Never gave up Tried simple tricks Lacked confidence
2. Why was his magician name a good name for him?
3. Find and copy one word that means the same as **take a brief look**?
4. What was the name of the book from the library?
5. Tick 2 things you could say about Elliot.

He is disappointed	
He is bewildered	
He is excited	

6. The writer uses words like **baffling, unbelievable, astonished** to describe his great, great grandfather. How would the audience have felt watching him? How do you know?

Day 4: Inference

1. Why might the family who travelled to see the Eiffel Tower be annoyed?
2. Why did the author use the word ambitious to describe his version of the magic trick?
3. Why did Elliot go to the library?
4. Why did Elliot think the person hadn't completed the book before trying to tricks?
5. How did Elliot feel when finding out about the missing part of the book? How do you know?
6. Why was Elliot confused about the book his great great grandfather was pointing to?

Day 5: Prediction

1. Why did the great great grandfather point to a book about gardening?
2. What do you think is inside the bookcase door?
3. Write the next paragraph of the text using your imagination.

Day 1:

1. It is fiction as there are characters and a plot. For example, the main character is Elliot and events have started to happen such as the bookcase opening.
2. The story is from the eyes of Elliot.
3. The great great grandfather was also known as The Amazing Dextrini .
4. Although it talks about the past, it is set in the present.
5. His name is Elliot. He wants to be a magician. He had a famous great great grandfather. Etc. various answers
6. Various answers linked to the text.

Day 2:

1. Elliot's great great grandfather who was called The Amazing Dextrini.
2. He could make the bottom half tap dance across the stage while the top half juggled.
3. He didn't pull bunnies out of hats.
4. Sequence his appearing magic trick by number these 5 steps.

Choose an animal	1
Repeat x2	3
Spell out the animal	2
Pull it out of the hat	5
Picture the animal in your mind	4

5. What was not spoken about? Tick 2.

His ancestors	
His friendships	X
His siblings	X

6. True or False

He bought a book at a book shop	False
The magician gave a helpful hint	True
The book was incomplete	True
The entrance needed a geography book	False

Day 3:

1. What does ambitious tell you about the magician?
Never gave up Tried simple tricks Lacked confidence
2. He did amazing tricks compared to other magicians of the time. (or similar)
3. Glanced
4. How to make any object vanish and reappear
5. Tick 2 things you could say about Elliot.

He is disappointed	X
He is bewildered	X
He is excited	

6. Various answers similar to - They would be in awe and amazed as they he could do fascinating tricks. They would also be on the edge of their seats as his audience never knew what would be coming up next and couldn't explain what they had seen.

Day 4:

1. They travelled across the world to see it but the magician had made it disappear.
2. He did the trick in a more impressive way and some might have thought it wouldn't work.
3. He wanted to find a book that could help him become a magician.
4. The book was called how to make things vanish and reappear – the book had vanished but they had not worked out how to make it reappear again.
5. He was disappointed. You know this because he sighed when talking about what he really wanted/needed.
6. The book he pointed to wasn't linked to being a magician so he was confused.

Day 5: Prediction

1. He knew it would open a secret passage.
2. Various answers
3. Various answers