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| Catch a Falling Star by Meg McKinlay | | |
| Question | Answer | Points |
| 1. Why does Frankie feel strange when she hears the news that Skylab is falling back to earth? | The last time she saw her father was the night Skylab was launched.  P. 17 | 2 points |
| 2. What was special about the cake that Frankie made for Newt’s birthday? | She made different shaped cupcakes and created the Solar System for him.  P. 24 | 2 points |
| 3. Why did Newt start getting out of bed and climbing things at night? | Kat’s mum had told him that Dad was watching over him from above and that when he looked up at night his Dad would be the brightest star shining down on him. P. 69 | 2 points |
| 5. What has Jeremy used to present his project? Why did he use that? | The back of a Wheeties/ Weet Bix box.  He doesn’t think the project is important.  P 109 | 2 points |
| 6. What responsible job does Jeremy offer to do after hearing Switzerland’s plan to warn people and why? | Offer to ring the school bell because he was impressed by Switzerland’s plan to warn people by ringing church bells. P 110 – 111 (Check answer) | 2 points |
| 7. Why do Frankie and Newt miss the bus? | Newt left school early to go to the Town Library looking for a particular book and did not make it back in time. Frankie went to look for him.  P.152-154 | 2 points |
| 8. What game was mum playing with the girl in hospital? What were the girl’s injuries? | Yahtzee;  leg in plaster and an arm too.  P.160 | 2 points  ½ each for leg and arm |
| 9. What happened to the girl Callisto and what mythology was this from? | She was turned into a bear by an angry goddess.  Greek Mythology. P. 169 | 2 points |
| 10. When the re-entry of Skylab came closer people around the world decided to celebrate in different ways. Name one location and how they celebrated. | In Missouri members of the newly formed Skylab Watchers and Gourmet Diners Society wore hardhats and gathered outside for a feast.  Or  A hotel in North Carolina declared itself “an official Skylab crash zone.” They painted a target on the building and invited everyone to join them for a poolside disco.  P. 178 | 2 points |
| 11. Why had Kat been awake for ages before she ran up the hill to follow Frankie, and what did she confess to Frankie she was thinking as she tried to catch up? | All the air went out of her mattress;  ‘I’m running wild in the bush! I’m running wild in the bush!’ p. 222-223 | 2 points – 1 each  Mattress went down; must include sense of being wild/ free ½ and in the bush/ outdoors ½ |
| 12. What did Newt hope would happen when Skylab returned to earth? Why? | He hoped his father would return because Skylab was launched on Newt’s birthday 6 years ago. | 2 points |
| 13. What did Kat fall over when she was following Frankie the night she slept over? What did she do with it? | A piece of Skylab. She gave it to Newt. | 2 points |
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| **Tie Breakers** |  |  |
| 1. Why is Kat spending so much time and energy on the ‘Storm Boy’ project? | She wants to get an A+ for the project from Mrs Easton who never gives out an A+.  P. 80 | 1 point |
| 2. What does Frankie say that Storm Boy is about? | Storm Boy isn’t about a pelican. **It’s about losing something important**, something that feels like a part of your heart. It’s about things falling from the sky while all you can do is watch. About no being able to save the thing you love no matter how fast you run, no matter how much you hope.  P. 120 | 1 point |
| 3. Where did the debris from Skylab actually fall in 1979? | Over the town of Esperance, WA.  Notes. | 1 point |