Answer key

The Storm at the Swamp Bridge

For every question the key shows the keywords a student should mark, the paragraph where they are found, and the reason for the answer.

Q	Ans	Keywords to mark	Para	Why
1	**B**	lanterns, hang	1	Paragraph 1 says she hung seven glowing lanterns. Twelve is the number of waffles and forty is the minutes until the guests arrive.
2	**A**	Shrek, dawn	1	Paragraph 1: he had been dragging a huge oak log up the muddy bank since dawn. He only used the log for the bridge later.
3	**D**	bake, cake	2	Paragraph 2: Gingy has promised to bake the cake. Puss is bringing the fiddle.
4	**C**	Puss, bringing	2	Paragraph 2: Puss is bringing his fiddle.
5	**B**	waffles	2	Paragraph 2: Twelve of them, Donkey. Seven belongs to the lanterns.
6	**B**	friends, arrive, here in	4	Paragraph 4: Our friends will be here in forty minutes. 'By sunset' was said earlier in paragraph 2, before the storm. Check which sentence is closest to the bridge.
7	**A**	two, planks	4	Paragraph 4: two of the planks had already been swept away.
8	**B**	brightest, lantern, far end	6	Paragraph 6: Donkey held up the brightest lantern. Fiona's lanterns were on the porch.
9	**D**	crossed, first	6	Paragraph 6: Puss crossed first. Mrs Bumble was the last to arrive. The keyword 'first' sends you to the right sentence.
10	**C**	swollen	4	The rain added water, so the river grew bigger and fuller. Use the words around the keyword to decide: roaring below, rain.
11	**A**	sprinted	4	Fiona sprinted to the bridge because she was worried. Sprinted means ran very fast.
12	**B**	strong enough, pretty	5	He praises its strength and admits it is not attractive. Read both halves of his sentence.
13	**D**	cake, squashed	7	Keyword 'squashed' is in paragraph 7, but the reason is back in paragraph 6: Gingy hugged the cake tin tightly against his chest. Good readers look before and after the keyword.
14	**C**	Donkey, scared, helped	6	Paragraph 6: even though he was scared, he held the lantern and shouted directions so guests could cross safely.
15	**A**	said nothing, agreed	7	He squeezed her hand instead of speaking. His action shows agreement.
16	**B**	worth building, good friends	7	The whole story shows the characters working together so friends can arrive safely. Fiona states the message in her final line.
17	**D**	like	3	A simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as'. Clouds are compared to mountains with the word 'like'.
18	**C**	danced	7	Rain cannot dance. Giving a human action to a non-living thing is personification.
19	**A**	squelched	1	The word sounds like the noise it describes, which is onomatopoeia.
20	**B**	strong enough	5	It is an exaggeration for effect. A log is not literally strong enough for an army. That is hyperbole.

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21	**D**	carefully	1	It describes how Fiona was hanging the lanterns. Words that describe how an action is done are adverbs.
22	**C**	wooden	4	It describes the noun 'bridge'. Describing words for nouns are adjectives.
23	**A**	over	3	It shows where the clouds piled up in relation to the hills. Position words like this are prepositions.
24	**B**	studied	5	It is the action Shrek did, in the past tense. That makes it a verb.

Quick answers: 1B 2A 3D 4C 5B 6B 7A 8B 9D 10C 11A 12B 13D 14C 15A 16B 17D 18C 19A 20B 21D 22C 23A 24B