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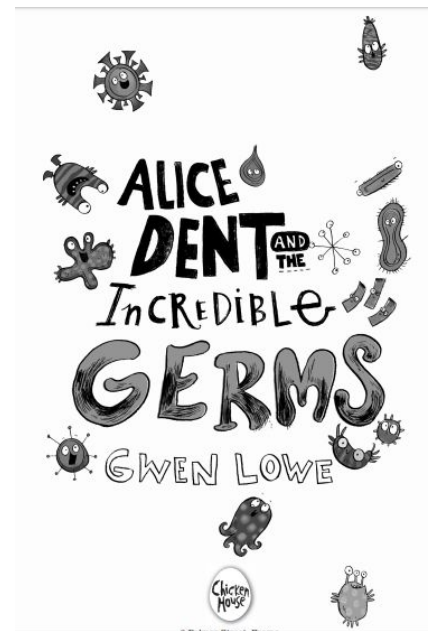
Good morning all.

Today we are going to continue to read the book by Gwen Lowe called

Alice Dent and the Incredible Germs.

WALT – use retrieval skills to answer questions

WALT – use inference skills to answer questions



That proves it, thought Alice crossly. He's definitely trying to make us miserable.

'And he's getting the police to track down smelly

and dirty children. Those in charge are doing a fantastic job of taking them away from their hopeless parents and teaching them how to wash.'

'That's great news!' Mrs Dent nodded approvingly.

'Yes, that should sort out those nifty nippers. See how lucky you are to have such good parents, child?'

Alice boiled with rage. But she couldn't respond, her nose was dripping badly now and she was going to . . .

Oh no! Panicking, Alice dived hastily under the table again, stifling the sneeze just in time.

I can't bear much more of this, she muttered to herself. She was sick of trying to hide coughs and colds. She had thought things might get better when she got older but instead everything just seemed to be getting worse.

'It's about time something was done, the state of some of the little germ-spreaders you see nowadays!' Mrs Dent smugly adjusted the baby-pink headscarf that she always wore over her short brown hair. Then her expression changed. She leant towards Mr Dent.

'These rules . . . clamping down on germs and no giggling . . . especially no giggling . . . you don't

think he's worried about the pie Russ coming back?' she whispered, so low that Alice could hardly hear her. She wasn't even sure Mrs Dent had actually said 'pie Russ', but that's what it sounded like.

Mr Dent went white.

'No, surely not . . .'

Mrs Dent gripped the table, her knuckles turning as pale as the snowy tablecloth.

'It would be the worst thing ever . . . can you imagine?' she whispered, her eyes wide and fearful.

'What's a pie Russ?' Alice spoke without thinking. She was breaking the house rule about children being seen and not heard, but she really wanted to know.

Her father threw Mrs Dent a warning look.

'We shouldn't talk about things like that in front of the child, poppet.'

He swivelled crossly to face Alice.

'And you should stop sticking your pesky little nose into things that don't concern you.'

Alice ground her teeth in frustration. This was a mistake – it made her cough.

Alarmed, Mr Dent peered at her more closely.

'Is your nose running? Have you . . . have you got a COLD?' he demanded fearfully.

Alice could have kicked herself. But it was too

late anyway; she couldn't hold it back any longer.

She was going to—

'AAAATISSSHOOOOO!'

'ARRRGH! GERMS!'

Mr Dent ran to the sink and stuck his head under the tap. Mrs Dent rushed out of the kitchen and returned with a green mask strapped across her mouth and her thin body wrapped in a pink overall. She sprayed them both from the industrial spray pack on her back.

'Oh no!' exclaimed Alice. She knew what was coming.

'Go to your room! NOW!' shouted Mr Dent, his voice quivering with fright.

'Here we go again,' Alice muttered. The same thing happened every time she had a cold. And as soon as Alice had gone into her bedroom, Mr Dent locked the specially sealed door so that nothing could escape.

Questions:

1. Use a dictionary to find and write the definition of the word – Stifle.
2. Find evidence to show that the Dents have always behaved in this way about germs?
3. What do we learn about Mrs Dent's appearance in this extract?
4. *I can't bear much more of this*, she muttered to herself.

Why has part of this sentence been written in italics?

5. Alice thinks that Mrs Dent is talking about a 'Pie Russ' coming back.

What do you think she actually said?

6. After Mrs Dent mentions the 'Pie Russ' coming back. How does she and Mr Dent react? Find 3 pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.
7. Copy these events out in the correct order in which they happened.

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- Mrs Dent sprayed them both from the industrial spray pack on her back.
- Alice sneezed
- Mr Dent ran to the sink and stuck his head under the tap.

8. Do you think that Alice was surprised when Mr Dent locked the specially sealed door? Use P.E. (point evidence) to support your answer.

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A virus not a Pie Russ
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They were scared and worried as Mr Dent went white.
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Alice say's 'here we go again,' so it has obviously happened before and she is not surprised.