Remember to read the question carefully!

Mr Shenks and Lancelot

"That film was great!" exclaimed Mel. She and Kim had just been watching a film about a spy who saved the world.
"Look, Mel!" said Kim, gazing out of the window. "Isn't that Mr Shenks from down the road? What's he doing?"
They watched as the old man peered into a bush and then shook his head.
"Ooh, maybe he's a spy, like the one in the film!" replied Mel. "Let's go and see!"

The girls stepped out of the dry, warm house onto the wet and windy street. They watched Mr Shenks shuffling along the pavement in his long raincoat and flat cap. Suddenly Mr Shenks stopped and stooped down to pick up something from the pavement.

1 How do the girls know Mr Shenks? Tick **one** box.

He is a shopkeeper.	☐	He is a spy.	☐
He is their teacher at school.	☐	He lives on their road.	☐

2 Find **two** reasons why the girls think Mr Shenks might be a spy.

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3 What do you think will happen next?

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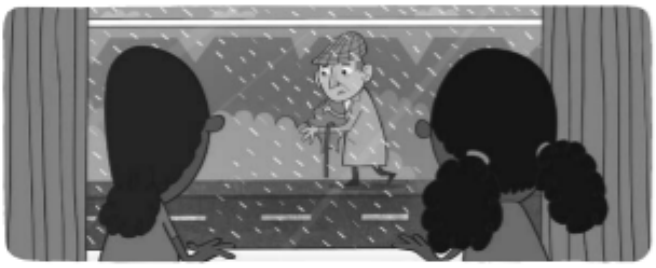

"What's he got?" asked Mel.
"It looks like a dog collar," whispered Kim. "There's a bone-shaped tag on it."
Suddenly Mel felt something warm by her ankles. "Argh, what's that?" she cried. As she turned around, she saw a dog sniffing her shoes.

"Oh, hello!" said Mel, and the dog looked up at her, wagging his tail. He seemed friendly, so both girls bent down to pat him.
"Fantastic – you found him!" said a familiar voice behind them. Startled, Mel and Kim jumped. Standing behind them was their dad, grinning at them. "Found who?" asked Kim, confused.
"Lancelot!" said Dad. "He escaped from Mr Shenks' garden this morning. We've been looking everywhere for him!"

Mr Shenks crossed the road to join them, beaming. "Thank you for finding him!" he said. He placed the collar around the dog's neck. Lancelot licked Mel's hand.
"He likes you!" said Mr Shenks. "Would you girls like to take him for walks sometimes? I can't get about the way I used to and he needs the exercise."
"We'd love to!" Mel and Kim chimed together.

4 Why does Kim think that Mr Shenks has picked up a dog collar?

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5 Why is Kim confused when her dad says 'you found him'?

- Because she doesn't know the dog is called Lancelot ☐
- Because she wasn't actually looking for the dog ☐
- Because she thinks the dog is a girl ☐
- Because she doesn't like dogs ☐

6 Why do you think the girls' dad and Mr Shenks are so pleased when the dog turns up?

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7 Find and copy **two** words from the story on page 2 that mean the same as 'smiling'.

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8 Why does Mr Shenks ask if the girls would like to take Lancelot for walks?

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8 Explain, **in your own words**, what 'Mel and Kim chimed together' means.

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9 The title of this story is 'Mr Shenks and Lancelot'. Do you think this is a good title? Explain why or why not.

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