

Mechanimals - Spudwink

Mixed questions

ANSWERS

1. Look at the paragraph entitled 'Appearance'.

How is Spudwink's skin described?

Vibrant, shiny and green.

Marks

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2. The author describes Spudwink as '**playful**'. This makes him sound fun to be with.

What other impressions do you get of Spudwink from reading the text as a whole?

Give **two** impressions.

Two impressions from the following:

- Spudwink is helpful – he cooks and warms the house
- Spudwink is mischievous – he hides people's things
- Spudwink is kind – he makes food when people are poorly
- He is loyal – he likes to protect the family

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2 marks

3. Look at the section titled 'Skills and abilities'.

'He will whiz around the house collecting discarded items, and fly them to their correct place, instantly revitalizing the home and restoring order.'

What is meant by '**restoring order**'?

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- ☒ put things back the way they were
- ☐ putting things in alphabetical order
- ☐ placing an order to buy something
- ☐ placing things in storage

4. Look at the first paragraph.

Find and **copy** a group of words that shows that the purpose of mechanimals is for them to pander to the needs of their owners.

Robotic pets who **act as servants to humans**.

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5. 'Spudwink' could best be described as...

- ☐ a pet dragon
- ☒ a robotic servant
- ☐ a wild animal
- ☐ an extinct animal

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6. Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False
Spudwink is a clockwork mechanical.	☒	☐
Mechanicals were first designed by Joseph Mechman.	☐	☒
Spudwink's key is stored underneath one of his wings.	☒	☐
Spudwink can cook.	☒	☐

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2 marks

7. According to the text, who originally designed mechanicals?

John Hartman

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8. 'Spudwink finds this a highly entertaining game and flaps his wings excitedly closer the person gets to the missing item. While this is sometimes humorous, it is mostly a nuisance for the family.'

Which of the following words is closest in meaning to 'nuisance'?

- ☒ annoyance
- ☐ joke
- ☐ game
- ☐ laugh

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9. Look at the section called 'Skills and abilities'.

Why is there no need to 'suffer winter shivers when Spudwink is around'?

Spudwink can light a fire to warm up a room in seconds.

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10. Look at the 'Skills and abilities' section.
Complete the sentence below.

Spudwink's wings and ability to breathe fire make him...

- ☐ dangerous in households.
- ☐ likely to set fire to household furniture.
- ☐ likely to knock over household items.
- ☒ the perfect pet for any household.

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11. Look at the final paragraph.

Find and copy a group of words which suggests mechanimals aren't treated fairly by humans.

Treated like second-class citizens.

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1 mark

12. Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

	Fact	Opinion
Spudwink's skin is green.	☒	☐
Spudwink is funny.	☐	☒
Mechanimals make great pets.	☐	☒

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13. The final paragraph states '**some mechanimals are treated like second-class citizens**'.
Which word is closest in meaning to '**citizen**'?

- ☐ robot
- ☐ pet
- ☒ resident of the country
- ☐ family member

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14. According to the text, what are mechanimals?

Mechanical, robotic pets (who act as servants to humans).

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15. 'If someone is poorly, he will quickly rustle up a hot soup or warm drink to help them feel better.'

Which of the following is closest in meaning to 'rustle up' as it is used here?

- ☒ prepare
- ☐ heat
- ☐ buy
- ☐ magic

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16. Look at the paragraph entitled 'Personality'.

What suggests that Spudwink can be annoying?

Give **two** reasons.

1. Spudwink crashes into things in the home.
2. He hides objects.

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17. Look at the section called 'Skills and abilities'.

'For example, if there was a disturbance at the door, Spudwink would stand guard ready to breathe fire should he need to...'

Which is the closest in meaning to 'disturbance' ?

- ☐ knock
- ☐ ring
- ☐ person
- ☒ disruption

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1 mark

18. Look at the section titled 'Skills and abilities'.

What does the first paragraph suggest makes Spudwink the perfect pet for any household

One answer from the following:

- Spudwink can cook
- Spudwink can heat a home

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19. **Look at the final paragraph.**

What does the word 'controversy' suggest?

- ☐ Everyone likes mechainimals.
- ☐ Everyone wants a mechainimal for a pet.
- ☐ Everyone thinks real pets are best.
- ☒ Not everyone agrees on topics relating to mechainimals.

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