

Dream On Katie

In her very first dream, Katie was riding a rusty, red bicycle, which had a badly damaged front wheel; it was so irregular that Katie found it impossible to keep the bicycle moving along a straight track, and it wobbled from one side of the road to the other. Even in her dream, Katie was thankful that there were no oncoming vehicles- it was just her on the old, red bicycle. As the dream progressed, her bicycle's speed increased alarmingly, and on top of this, its front wheel seemed to have a mind of its own and behaved as it pleased. Katie screamed. Or, at least, she tried to. No sound escaped her mouth; she clutched onto the sides of her bed so tightly that her knuckles were white, void of even a trace of blood. The very thought of crashing into something and the alarming acceleration of the bicycle made her blood curdle. She forced herself to wake up, only to realise that her soft cotton pyjamas were clinging to her skin, drenched in sweat. Katie fumbled to reach over to the bedside lamp and flicked the switch on with shivering fingers; she had to make sure that it was a dream. Katie changed her clothes and, without giving it a second thought, crept back under the covers- not waking up until she heard the sound of running water on her alarm. It was seven in the morning when she got out of bed.

On her second night, Katie went to bed in apprehension partly expecting a repeat episode of the previous night's events. This time it wasn't a bicycle, but she was walking along a lonely road – a muddy gravel road, which had so many loose stones that Katie found it hard not to trip over. The loose stones were smooth and slippery and she had to stretch out her arms to keep her balance. She felt like an acrobat walking the tightrope. Suddenly, the dream began to take an unfortunate turn; Katie got the urge to run. Although she knew very well that she would only trip on the loose stones and fall headlong onto the muddy road, she could not help herself.

(The actual passage is 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pages long)

1. What was wrong with the bicycle that Katie was riding in her dream?
 - A. The seat was broken
 - B. The handle was crooked
 - C. The pedal was damaged
 - D. The front wheel was damaged
 - E. The bell was rusty
2. When Katie anticipated the recurring dreams, what measures did she take in preparation for the night's events?
 - A. She pulled all the curtains
 - B. She called Rebecca to her room
 - C. She kept a spare pair of pyjamas handy
 - D. She did not turn off the light
 - E. She slept in Rebecca's room
3. Why were her pyjamas clinging onto her skin?
 - A. She had been in the rain
 - B. Water came through the roof
 - C. The material was cheap
 - D. Because they were drenched in sweat
 - E. It was a hot day

4. Why did Katie sleep in Rebecca's room at the weekend?
- A. Because they had to complete a school project
 - B. Because she was afraid
 - C. Because she wanted to sleep throughout the night
 - D. Because Rebecca wanted her to
 - E. Because she was bored
5. Why did Katie struggle to keep the bicycle moving on one straight track?
- A. It was the first time she was riding a bicycle
 - B. The wind was too strong
 - C. It had a badly damaged front wheel
 - D. The road was narrow
 - E. There were too many potholes

Question No.	Answer	Notes
1	D	Katie was riding a rusty, red bicycle, which had a badly damaged front wheel; ...
2	C	This time, Katie would not let anything take her by surprise; she was equipped with an extra pair of pyjamas ...
3	D	Only to realise that her soft cotton pyjamas were clinging onto her skin, drenched in sweat.
4	A	The school project, which the girls had to complete, made them burn the midnight oil.
5	C	Which had a badly damaged front wheel; it was so irregular that Katie found it impossible to keep the bicycle moving along a straight track ...