

GCSE Reading Comprehension

Year 10 · GCSE Language (AQA) · y10-eng-reading-comprehension — Answer Key

Teacher / parent use only — matches the question numbers in the companion _WS file.

Practice

1. eleven months / 11 months
2. it suggests the garden was what finally broke her emotional control / it shows the garden overwhelmed her emotionally / it suggests something finally caused her composure to collapse
3. because 'abandoned' suggests a deliberate choice, whereas the house was left gradually / the house wasn't deliberately abandoned, it just gradually became empty over time
4. it suggests the room feels unstable, blurred or unsettling / it creates a sense of unease / it makes the room feel unclear and disorienting
5. she wanted to leave things undisturbed / she may have felt unable to change anything, as if disturbing it would make the loss more real / out of habit or an unconscious wish not to disturb the past
6. her father's reading glasses / reading glasses / glasses
7. the house is still and empty, while the garden is wild and full of life, making the contrast more powerful / the roses growing wild despite neglect creates a stronger emotional impact than the stillness of the house / it shows life continuing even in absence, which is what finally overwhelms her