

Reading Comprehension (8)

The car race.

Three smart cars stood at the starting post ready for a race. A red car, a green car and a yellow car. Mark, Carl and Clara were the drivers and they all wanted to win. The crowds were waving their arms excitedly and dogs were barking at the noise of the cars. A charming man in a scarf at the start line waved the black and white flag and the cars were off! They darted left and right, around sharp corners and across a large park. Carl's car was far out in front until suddenly a large spark came out of his car's engine and he had to pull out of the race. That left Clara and Mark to battle it out for the marble trophy. Clara charged around the corners going faster and faster but she took a wrong turn and ended up in a farmer's barn! That left Mark in the lead. All he had to do was avoid the marshy ditches at the side of the park. Mark made it to the finish line where a marshal said "You are the winner. Mark! We will send you the trophy in a parcel." When the trophy arrived Mark displayed it in his garden. He put an alarm next to it in case someone tried to steal it in the dark. He invited Carl and Clara to come and see it and have a party with him to celebrate.

Now try to answer these questions:

1. How many cars were at the starting post?
2. Who wanted to win the race?
3. What was the man at the starting line wearing?
4. Why did Carl have to pull out of the race?
5. Where did the wrong turn take Clara?
6. What did Mark have to avoid to win the race?
7. What was the trophy made of?
8. Where did Mark display his trophy?
9. Who came to his party?
10. How many 'start the car' ar words can you find?