

These questions are on Chapter 7 from "... We can do better than that, Father!" to "You could hear the clapping, the cheering and whistling and stamping, for miles around."

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1. At what time did the sun go down?
2. What sounds can you hear from the Palace?
3. What does Hamlet look like? Can you describe him in three sentences.
4. What does the King proclaim that the prize will be?
5. Who is the first Firework-Maker to show their display?
6. How do you know that the prawn is a big part of the display?
7. Find and copy the sentence that tells the reader there is lots of clapping (applause) after his display.
8. What do you think will be in Lila and Lalchand's display? Do you think their firework display will be better than the others?

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1. How do you know that the other Firework-Makers were not impressed by Lila and Lalchand's firework?
2. What do you think a 'procession' is?
3. Why does Lila think Hamlet is miserable?
4. What do you think the word 'disconsolately' means? Use the text to help you to infer its meaning.
5. How will the winner of the competition be decided?
6. Why does Dr Puffenflasch chose a gigantic prawn for his display?
7. Find and copy the sentence that tells the reader the colours of Signor Scorcini's rockets.
8. How do you know that Signor Scorcini's display is noisy?
9. What do you think Lila and Lalchand's display will be like?

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1. Find and copy the sentence the tells the reader that the Firework-Makers are nosy and trying to look at each others displays.
2. What does it mean by "it was plain that they didn't think much of" Lila and Lalchand's firework display?
3. What does the word 'promptly' mean? Use the text to help you to infer its meaning.
4. How do you think Lila feels after she sees Hamlet?
5. Write your own short paragraph to describe Dr Puffenflasch's display.
6. Why do you think the author has described the octopus's tentacles as "ghastly green"? Can you think of another adjective to describe the tentacles?
7. Why is Colonel Sparkington's display different to all the others?
8. How would you feel if you were Lila and you had just watched all the other firework displays?