FUR-TASTIC FICTION

TWO LITTLE DUCKS

Ecstatically, Jeff jumped from his seat almost faster than the speed of light. Like rockets launching into space, he thrust his hands into the air and an enormous sound seemed to explode with such fury that it was as if it had accelerated from his feet.

"YESSSSSSSSS!"

Jeff wafted the flimsy, dotted card that he'd been using to keep track of the numbers high above his head. It danced merrily in the air, seemingly, as proud as Jeff was of their shared victory.

Two little ducks: that's all Jeff had been waiting for, for what had seemed like hours. Anxiously, his forehead had dripped and his face had contorted with concentration and tension when his dabber had hovered over the only vacant square. Upon the stage had stood a familiar figure with godlike power: the power to decide which number would be chosen at random from the spinning container. She had been all that stood between Jeff and some hard-earned winnings.

Two little ducks, thought Jeff to himself, almost praying. Just two little...

And, as the hall erupted with sound of 'quack, quack', Jeff truly did launch into space: he was over the moon.

Let's have a go at answering a Vocabulary Victor question, step by step:

1. Find and underline the quoted sentence in the original text.
2. Reread the sentence in context. What do you think the word means?
3. Look at the options in the question. Try replacing the word with all of the different alternatives. Do any make sense?
4. Check the number of answers you need to give and clearly mark the answer in the way you are asked to.

Now, using these top tips, have a go at answering some on your own.

1 ...it was as if it had **accelerated** from his feet.

Which word is closest in meaning to **accelerated**? Tick **one**.

- ☐ balanced
- ☐ sped
- ☐ collided
- ☐ trembled



☐ /1

...his face had **contorted** with concentration and tension...

What does **contorted** mean in this sentence? Tick **one**.

- ☐ to show sadness
- ☐ to twist out of shape
- ☐ to become redder and redder
- ☐ to display a serene smile

2 ☐ /1

Look at the paragraph beginning: **Two little ducks: that's all Jeff...**

Find and **copy one** word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to 'empty'.

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3 ☐ /1

It danced merrily in the air, seemingly as proud as Jeff of their shared victory.

Find and **copy two** different words from the sentence above which show that the dotted card appeared to have positive feelings.

1. _____

2. _____

4 ☐ /2

And, as the hall erupted with sound of 'quack, quack', Jeff truly did launch into space: he was over the moon.

Choose the best words to match the meaning of the sentence above. Circle both of your choices.

As the hall became | raucous | dangerous | silent |,

Jeff | was ecstatic. | was in a rocket. | visited new places. |

5 ☐ /2

TAKE A BOW

How confident do you feel?







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