

# Clarice Bean – Utterly Me

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- 1 I have to  
    hop  
    downstairs
- 4 because I have only one slipper. Our dog, Cement, buried the other one in the garden and we can't find it.
- 6 It will probably be discovered in a hundred years from now by archaeological diggers who will say it is fascinating and give it to a museum.
- 9 When I get downstairs, the whole kitchen is full of bad mood. Marcie won't talk to Mum and Kurt won't talk to Marcie. Grandad isn't talking to anyone because he hasn't plugged himself into his hearing aid. Minal is talking to me but I wish he wouldn't. Minal is a niggling gnat and I have to have him sleeping in my room. Sometimes when I want to keep him out, I pile lots of gubbins against the door.
- 15 He is five.
- 16 Who would want to share a room with their five-year-old brother? I don't even need a five-year-old brother. I already have one who is a teenager called Kurt and that is enough brothers for anyone.
- 19 Minal is going, "What time did the spider go to the dentist?"
- 20 I don't bother to listen to the answer because it won't be funny.
- 21 I am trying to read the back of the cereal packet because there is a good offer on rubber pencil-tops.
- 26 Minal is going "Spider clock! D'ya get it? D'ya get it? Spider clock!"
- 29 I say "No".



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- 1 Where is Clarice going at the beginning of the extract?  
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- 2 Find and copy a word or a group of words that show that the kitchen is not a happy place to be.  
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- 3 What does the author mean by saying that Grandad “hasn’t plugged himself into his hearing aid”?  
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- 4 “Minal is a niggling gnat”.  
What do the underlined words tell us about Minal? Tick **one**.  

He is a pet insect. <input type="checkbox"/>	He annoys Clarice. <input type="checkbox"/>
He hurts Clarice. <input type="checkbox"/>	He sleeps in Clarice’s room. <input type="checkbox"/>
- 5 “I pile lots of gubbins against the door.”  
Suggest a different word the author could have used instead of “gubbins”.  
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- 6 How many brothers does Clarice have?  
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- 7 Tick **three** statements that you know are true.  

The dog has taken Clarice’s slipper. <input type="checkbox"/>	The family is in the kitchen. <input type="checkbox"/>
Mum is busy cooking. <input type="checkbox"/>	Grandad is arguing with Kurt. <input type="checkbox"/>
Clarice has kept Minal out of her room. <input type="checkbox"/>	Clarice is reading. <input type="checkbox"/>
- 8 a) What time of day does this part of the story take place?  
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 b) Explain how you know.  
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- 9 Tick the statement that is the best description of Clarice’s family. Tick **one**.  

They are very calm and organised. <input type="checkbox"/>	They all hate each other. <input type="checkbox"/>
They are quite noisy and disorganised. <input type="checkbox"/>	They are always supportive of each other. <input type="checkbox"/>

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