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Quick Questions



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Answers

1. Why are all of the children covered in spots?
Accept answers which make reference to the children raising money for BBC Children in Need/Pudsey's bandana.
2. Compare how Mrs Mallory is feeling at the beginning of the text to how Mrs Mallory might be feeling at the end of the text.
Accept any appropriate answer, such as: At the beginning of the text, Mrs Mallory is worried that the children are ill with contagious spots. At the end of the text, Mrs Mallory has realised that they are dressing up for BBC Children in Need and probably feels a bit silly.
3. How does Mrs Mallory find out that the children are fundraising for BBC Children in Need?
Accept answers which make reference to Mrs Mallory being reminded/told by Mr Peters.
4. Find and copy one word which means the same as covered.
Accept: blanketed