MHS ENGLISH DEPT **S3 READING HOMEWORK 1**  TERM 3

Read the following review of the novel ‘Tom’s Midnight Garden’ and complete the tasks.

**Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce**

**Review**1Tom Long is furious at being sent away from home during the holiday just because his brother has measles. 2Staying at his aunt's flat in a stuffy house, in a bedroom with bars on the window, there seems to be nothing to do, no one to play with and nowhere to go. 3Then everything changes; lying awake long after bedtime, he hears the old grandfather clock ticking away and chiming out the hours. 4"Hurry!" the house seems to whisper. 5Tom gets up in the middle of the night and finds the strange, magical moonlit garden where Hatty plays.

**TASK 1: Read the following statements and decide if each is True, False or Can’t Tell.**

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| **Question** | **Answer** |
| 1 What word from the review tells us Tom was feeling very angry? |  |
| 2 What word in the first sentence tells us Tom does not think his brother’s illness is a big deal? |  |
| 3 What words emphasise the lack of entertainment for Tom in sentence 2? 4 What feature of sentence structure also emphasises this? |  |
| 5 ‘the house seems to whisper’ is an example of which technique – alliteration, simile or personification? |  |
| 6 ‘magical moonlit garden’ is an of which technique – alliteration, simile or personification? |  |

**TASK 2: Can you summarise the review in no more than three short bullet points?**

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