Understanding the Fable

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Patrick ask Marie to help him?
   - A. Marie was a good student.
   - B. He needed to go to a meeting.
   - C. He was lazy.
   - D. His helper was on holiday.

2. Put the following steps about washing the dishes in the correct order. Write A, B, C or D in the boxes.
   - A. Say 'cu–ma–ma–di–vi'.
   - B. Water comes out of the tap.
   - C. Add some detergent to the dishes.
   - D. The cloth cleans the dishes.
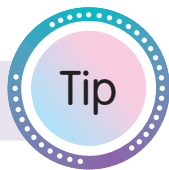
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3. In line 17, what does the word 'Tap' mean?

   tap (verb)
   1. to hit something gently
      'Peter tapped me on the shoulder.'
   2. to get something such as energy supply and money
      'We want to tap more sources of funding.'

   tap (noun)
   3. a device that controls the flow of liquid, especially water, from a pipe.
      'She turned on the tap and had a bath.'
   4. an action of hitting something lightly
      'There is a tap at the door.'
   - A. 1
   - B. 2
   - C. 3
   - D. 4

4. Marie fell to the ground because _____.
   - A. the floor was dirty
   - B. she was nervous
   - C. the floor was slippery
   - D. she was angry

   Tip — What was on the floor?

5. What did Marie see when she went to the kitchen?
   - A. The cleaning cloth was cleaning the dishes.
   - B. The dishes were broken.
   - C. The dishes were talking.
   - D. All the dishes were clean.

Language Corner

detergent

in the twinkling of an eye: very quickly

cast a spell: to use magic words to change something

6. Match the spells with their purposes. Write A, B, C or D in the boxes.

   Spells
   (i) 'wa–hi–bu–wa–ki–yo'
   (ii) 'do–ca–ca–a'
   (iii) 'ko–hi–bu–me'
   (iv) 'bu–la–la–ba–ba'

   Purposes
   (A) to turn on the tap
   (B) to add some detergent
   (C) to break the spells
   (D) to fill a bucket with water

   (i) ☐   (ii) ☐   (iii) ☐   (iv) ☐

Values and Attitudes

7. What can you learn from the story?
   - A. Magic is good.
   - B. Be hard–working and do housework by ourselves.
   - C. Do not cast a spell.
   - D. Ask your mum to wash the dishes.

8. Are you a hard-working child? Why do you think so?
   _____
   _____
   _____

Answer Key

1. B
2. C→B→A→D
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. (i) C (ii) A (iii) D (iv) D (Answer may vary)
7. B
8. Yes, I am. I always help my mum do the housework.

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