



Reading Comprehension

Silver

This passage and questions extend retrieval and inference to a Year 5 Silver level, with more nuanced vocabulary.

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The Passage

The old clockmaker's shop had stood on the corner of Mill Street for as long as anyone could remember, its window crowded with timepieces of every shape and size, each one ticking to its own rhythm. Mr. Alderidge, the clockmaker, was rarely seen without a magnifying glass pressed to one eye, hunched over some intricate mechanism. Rumour had it he hadn't taken a single day off in forty years - not even, the local children whispered, for his own birthday.

Questions

1. How long had the clockmaker's shop been on Mill Street?

2. Find and copy a phrase describing the clocks in the window.

3. What does "hunched over" suggest about how Mr. Alderidge works?

4. Why might the writer include the detail about his birthday?

5. What impression do you form of Mr. Alderidge's character? Use at least two pieces of evidence.
