

# Improving Your Reading with Inference Iggy: An Unexpected Guest



It was five o'clock in the afternoon and I know that because I had just looked at my watch. I received an unusual and remarkable visit which has stuck in my memory ever since. I was sitting in an armchair in my private office. It was a splendid afternoon. I was thinking about happy memories of time I had spent travelling long ago when I heard a tap on the door.

"Come in," I beckoned. A stranger immediately burst into the room, shut the door in my landlady's face and locked it. I was surprised by the abrupt and odd behaviour of my visitor. He stood in front of me with his arms folded. He stared at me and breathed hard.

"You are angry, sir. Please sit down," I said, pointing to a chair.



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- anxious
- certain

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3. Explain why the landlady may have been upset.

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4. How is the stranger shown to be rude? Discuss **two** points, using evidence to support your answer.

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# Answers

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2. Give **two** reasons that the visit may have stuck in the person's memory.

**Accept any two of the following: it was unusual; something significant happened; something remarkable stuck in his memory; he was not expecting a visitor; he did not have many visitors; it shocked him; he had never seen such odd behaviour; the stranger's anger was memorable.**

3. Explain why the landlady may have been upset.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The landlady may have been offended because the unexpected guest slammed the door in her face.**

4. How is the stranger shown to be rude? Discuss **two** points, using evidence to support your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: The stranger is rude because he slams the door in the landlady's face. He is also rude because he burst into the room without being invited.**