



## QUESTION TIME

How much of what you read do you understand?

1. Why was Binda freaked out?
2. What were the chemists working at HPC experimenting with?
3. Why did Mr Fox want to bypass the correct process?
4. What do you think the 'serious implications' could be if a drug is not tested properly?
5. Why was Binda's mum thrown out of the pharmaceutical company?
6. Who did Binda think was sending her the cryptic messages?
7. Why had the Vincents been questioned by the police?
8. Why would the Vincents want to 'impose their presence' on Binda's mum?
9. What questions did the Vincents ask Binda?
10. Which word in the text means: *risky; hazardous; chancy*



**SAY WHAT?** Writers use sayings, idioms and phrases to add meaning.  
Match the following expressions with their meanings.

EXPRESSION	MEANING
A skeleton in the closet/ cupboard	A picture tells a story just as well as a large amount of descriptive text.
Curiosity killed the cat	A display of confidence in a particular outcome
Face the music	Making a mistake or a false assumption in something you are trying to achieve.
Jump on the bandwagon	Put oneself in an isolated or disadvantaged position in support of someone or something.
Read between the lines	A small amount of knowledge can mislead people into thinking that they are more expert than they really are.
Barking up the wrong tree	Decide a course of action as you go along, using your own initiative and perceptions rather than a pre-determined plan or mechanical aids
Up a blind alley	Join a growing movement in support of someone or something, often in an opportunist way, when that movement is seen to have become successful.
A little knowledge is a dangerous thing	Accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions.
Eat my hat	Work out the meaning which isn't obvious, direct or explicit.
Go out on a limb	Following a course of action that leads to no good outcome.
Like a dog with a bone	A secret source of shame, potentially ruinous if exposed, which a person or family makes efforts to conceal.
Fly by the seat of your pants	To refuse to stop thinking about or talking about a subject
A picture is worth a thousand words	Inquisitiveness can lead one into dangerous situations.