

THE TV KID – ANSWERS

Match the words with their meaning. Use a dictionary.

a. addict	b	fell asleep
b. drifted off	c	goods to be bought or sold
c. merchandise	d	costs
d. expenses	g	advertisement
e. applause	f	participants in a competition
f. contestants	e	clapping
g. commercial	a	a person who likes something excessively

Answer the questions.

1. Fill in the sentences:

- a. Lennie was a television addict .
- b. Whilst doing his homework, Lennie fell asleep .

2. Circle True (T) or False (F).

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| a. Lennie was invited to be a contestant on ‘Give It a Spin.’ | T | <input type="radio"/> F |
| b. There were 23 all-expenses paid holidays on the Vacation Wheel. | T | <input type="radio"/> F |
| c. Lennie won \$3000 in cash and merchandise. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> T | <input type="radio"/> F |
| d. Lennie was pleased to have won his zonk trip. | T | <input type="radio"/> F |
| e. He was told he could have a holiday anywhere he chose, if first he stayed in the haunted house. | T | <input type="radio"/> F |
| f. ‘Give It a Spin’ ended, after Lennie won the prize. | T | <input type="radio"/> F |

3. After looking into his zonk envelope, the host repeated ‘Oh, Lennie’, three times. Why?

- a. He was sorry for Lennie.
- b. He wanted to make Lennie anxious.
- c. He wanted to make sure Lennie understood him.

4. Put the events in the story in the right sequence.

Lennie gave the Vacation Wheel a good spin.	3
Lennie won a trip to a haunted house.	4
Lennie fell asleep while doing his homework.	1
Lennie asked if he could have the cash and merchandise.	5
Lennie won the chance to spin the Vacation Wheel.	2

5. What clues tell us that this is an American story?

The prize money was in dollars. The host kept using the American word 'folks'.

6. Write TWO reasons that made it difficult for Lennie to turn down the zonk trip.

- a. The host was very insistent/determined/pushy/assertive.
- b. Lennie had signed a paper when he came on the show.

7. How does the author make this into a rather frightening situation?

The Haunted House was number 13, which is an unlucky number./The haunted house was located on the dark, scary outskirts./The host repeated 'if you survive' twice.