**Answers**

1. Where did Eric chose to sleep?

*Pantry*

2. *‘Eric was very curious…’* What is another word for curious?

*Inquisitive, interested, investigative, inquiring*

3. What had the author been planning to do with Eric?

*Weekly excursions*

4. What do you think the author means by ‘cultural differences?’

*People from different parts of the world might have different customs/ways of doing things.*

5. Shaun Tan is famous for his illustrations. What part did they play in this story?

*Without the illustrations we would not understand that Eric isn’t from this planet. They give us more detail about the story and characters that isn’t mentioned in the text. Without them the ending would be unfinished.*

6. Name 3 things that Eric was interested in finding out about.

*Reading and finding out information from books. How a plug socket works/ electricity/ what humans eat, what stamps are for/ how letters arrive, what happens to things that go down a plughole, different animals, films, games, sights, etc.*

7. How do you think the family felt when Eric left suddenly?

*Confused, perplexed, puzzled, worried they upset him, concerned he didn’t enjoy his stay; that things were left unresolved/unfinished.*

8. Did you like the story? Explain your reasons.

*Either a yes or no and an explanation to support their views.*