**Week 7: English Corrections**

**A Way With Words 5: ‘A Letter to Mam’ pg 48/49**

**A**

1. Emma is writing the letter.
2. She is writing it to her Mum.
3. She is writing to let her Mum know that they are all getting on fine while she is away on holidays.
4. Her mother is on holidays in Australia, visiting her Aunt and Uncle.
5. Her mother has only been away for a few days.
6. Her father is in charge of the house while her mother is away.
7. Her father cooked them chips, pizza and a big fry-up.
8. Her father thought the washing machine was the dishwasher and he put the dishes into the washing machine to be washed. This broke the washing machine.
9. The chip pan went on fire and burnt the ceiling, leaving scorch marks all over it.
10. Her father put all of the clothes into the bath together and swirled them around with the handle of the sweeping brush to wash them.
11. When the father was washing the clothes, he mixed the coloured clothes with the white clothes and the colours ran. The clothes all changed colour, all the whites turned a pinky-grey.
12. The children’s mother is going to be away for five weeks.
13. I think the father broke the washing machine, he ruined all of the clothes when washing them, the chip pan went on fire and burned the ceiling and the children are eating lots of unhealthy junk food. He also forgot to close the attic skylight and all the rain got in, he broke the Mum’s vase that Granny had given her, he allowed the children to drink Coca Cola even though they are allergic to it and they were all sick. He also allowed the children to stay up late and watch a horror movie.
14. The different countries mentioned are Ireland and Australia. (If you mentioned China and India, that’s correct too.)

**B**

1. The family had to mop up lots of water as they forgot to close the attic skylight and it rained heavily that night. All of the rain got in and soaked the floor.
2. The father let the children have Cola to drink as he thought it might cheer them up after their mother left to go on holidays.
3. I think the father does not really believe in healthy food as he says the junk food is ‘every bit as good for us as the healthy stuff you cook.’ I don’t think he has a good opinion about healthy food and he probably doesn’t believe that it is good for you.
4. No I don’t think the children’s mother would agree with him as she cooks healthy food for the children and doesn’t let them drink Cola as it’s bad for their allergies and makes them sick.
5. The foods mentioned in the story are chips, pizza, a fry up, lots of different takeaways, a Chinese, an Indian and a Southern Fried take away. Burgers are also mentioned in the story.
6. The mother is in Australia to visit Aunt Laura and Uncle Ken in their new house.
7. No I don’t think Emma’s father knows what she has written in the letter. If he did he probably wouldn’t allow her to send it as it would only worry her mother and maybe get him in trouble with his wife.
8. I think maybe the mother is going to be very angry and maybe she will panic. I think she may worry about leaving the children at home for five weeks and she will probably phone home straight away to check on the children.
9. No I don’t think the mother is going to enjoy the rest of her stay in Australia as she may be worried about the children and that the father may destroy the house.
10. No I don’t think the father was doing a good job as he had already almost burnt the house down, ruined the clothes and broken lots of things. Also, the children aren’t eating very healthy and he has made them sick by giving them Cola but I do think maybe he was trying his best.
11. I think the father has done lots of bad things but the worst thing I think the father has done is broken the Mum’s vase that Granny had given her.
12. No, I don’t think this letter will cheer her mother up as it’s full of lots of bad news and terrible things that have happened since she has left. I think this letter will really worry the Mum.
13. Yes, I think Emma’s Dad will be in lots of trouble with his wife as he has made the children sick and practically destroyed the house already.
14. I think he might ask Emma not to tell her mother these things as she will only worry and won’t enjoy the rest of her holiday. He may tell Emma to wait until her Mum comes home to tell her all this news.