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English

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### The Stranger Comprehension Questions

Read the short story, "The Stranger," by Chris Van Allsburg. When you've completed the reading, answer the questions below in full sentences. **Use words from the question when you write your answer.** Each question is worth **2 marks**. One mark for the answer and one mark for answering in a full sentence.

Question 8 is worth 4 marks. Explain the reason for your answer and support your reason with ideas from the article.

1. What is the Bailey family like? Use details from the story to support your description.

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2. What are the first few clues that tell you that something is unusual about the stranger?

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3. What does it mean when mercury is stuck at the bottom of a thermometer? What might this mean about the stranger's temperature? Do you think the thermometer is really broken?

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4. What does the stranger's interaction with the rabbits teach us about his character? Why do you think the rabbits are so comfortable with him?

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5. What do we know about the season when we see geese flying toward the south? Why is the stranger so fascinated by the geese he sees?

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