

**Funny professor**

Mr Jones woke early one morning, before the sun had risen. It was a beautiful morning, so he went to the window and looked out. He was surprised to see a **neatly** dressed, middle-aged professor, who worked in the university just up the road from Mr Jones's house, coming from the direction of the town. He had grey hair and thick glasses, and was carrying an umbrella, a morning newspaper and a bag. Mr Jones thought that he must have arrived by the night train and decided to walk to the university instead of taking a taxi.

Mr Jones had a big tree in his garden, and the children had tied a long rope to one of its branches, so that they could swing on it.

Mr Jones was surprised to see the professor stop when he saw the **rope**, and look carefully up and down the road. When he saw that there was nobody **in sight**, he stepped into the garden (there was no fence), put his umbrella, newspaper, bag and hat neatly on the grass and took hold of the rope. He pulled it hard to see **whether** it was strong enough to take his weight, then ran as fast as he could and swung into the air on the end of the rope, his grey hair blowing all around his face. Backwards and forwards he swung, occasionally taking a few more running steps on the grass when the rope began to swing too slowly for him.

At last the professor stopped, **straightened** his tie, combed his hair carefully, put on his hat, picked up his umbrella, newspaper and bag, and continued on his way to the university, looking as quiet and correct and respectable as one would **expect** a professor to be.

**QUESTIONS :**

1. Answer the following questions using your own words but taking into account the information in the text. (1 pts)

a. When Mr Jones looked out of the window, what did he see?

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b. What had happened to the tree that Mr Jones had in the garden?

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2. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Identify the part of the text that supports your answer by copying the exact words. (3 pts)

a. When Mr Jones woke up, it was still dark: .....

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b. Mr Jones's garden was protected by a fence: .....

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c. The professor was carrying an umbrella because it was raining: .....

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3. Find a synonym for each of the words below from these six options. (2 pts)

NEATLY      ROPE      IN SIGHT      WHETHER      STRAIGHTEN      EXPECT

If, supposing, provided that	
That can be seen	
Tidy	
Cord or thick and long string	

