**Answering questions can help you think further about the story. Here are two types of questions. The quick questions have right and wrong answers. The answers are given; they can be found in the story if you listen carefully. The longer questions do not have right and wrong answers and are designed to ‘explore’ the story further. It is good habit to keep thinking about a story even when you have finished reading it. If a story has made you think you will remember it more clearly.**

**Quiz of Quick Questions**

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| 1 | What is the weather like at the beginning of the story? | *raining (part 1)* |
| 2 | What DIDN’T Josh see coming up out of the garbage truck? | *a giant hand (part 1)* |
| 3 | What was the giant monster made of? | *rubbish (part 2) (not sorted for recycling)* |
| 4 | What part of the monster’s body did the chief ninja cut off? | *his (left) foot (part 2)* |
| 5 | What weapon had the ninja left behind? | *his (silver) sword (part 3)* |
| 6 | What does Josh do to protect the monster? | *he rushes into the fight; or shouts ‘stop!’ (part 4)* |
| 7 | What words does the monster first say to Josh? | *‘You help?’ (part 4)* |
| 8 | How many soldiers does a centurion command? | *100 (part 4)* |
| 9 | How many families in Josh’s school? | *504 (part 4) allow 505 if Josh included* |
| 10 | What is Josh’s reward for helping save Southfields, for listening to the monster? | *he is made the ninth ninja* *(part 5)* |

**Slow, Longer-Chat Questions**

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| 1 | What does recycling mean? How do you do it? |
| 2 | Have you ever made something out of something someone else has thrown away? Explain. |
| 3 | Do you think recycling is important? Why? Explain. |
| 4 | If you were a super-hero, what powers would you choose and why? (You can have three.) |
| 5 | Is this a sad or happy story? Give reasons for your answer. |

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| Extra | Do you think human beings hurt the natural world? Always? Deliberately? Explain. |