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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What unusual event occurred at the beginning of the story?

Accept: Zaina woke to find herself floating towards a dazzling star on her ceiling and being pulled through it.



2. Find and copy two adjectives which describe the setting.

Accept: dazzling, supernatural, mystical, enchanting and dreamy.



3. What does the word 'astonishment' tell us about the way Zaina is feeling?

Accept a response that shows Zaina couldn't believe what she was seeing, that she was shocked and impressed.



4. Will Zaina be able to help the unicorns? Why do you think this?

Accept any reasonable explanation that links to the text – yes because she had been chosen so must be able to help / no because the dragons were ferocious and ready to attack and she was just a girl.