

What impressions does Paul Birmingham give about kite-flying in this extract? You must use evidence from the text to support your answer. [5]

Text D is taken from an internet blog written for families by Paul Birmingham.



The joy of kite-flying – who knew?

It's taken me 34 years on planet Earth to experience the thrill of flying a kite. I know, I know, what was I doing as a child? Sadly, it seems I lived an unfulfilled, kiteless childhood...

Homemade heaven

Earlier in the year my kitelessness ended when the family and I attended a local kite festival. Apart from it being an awesome spectacle with giant octopus, sharks and dragons filling the skies (a spectacle so good it kept my kids away from the flashing swords and ice cream sellers for a recordbreaking half an hour!) we got to make our own kites. For just a couple of pounds and the assistance of some friendly folk on the stand, the children had their very own kites and it was time to give them a go...

Disappointingly, the kites were great and the kids loved them. Yes, I did say 'disappointingly' and the reason being that the kids required no help from me. They were happy with just themselves and their new toys and I didn't get a look in! Even my three-year-old told me, "Get off Daddy. Go away!" Charming. But seriously, what joy from a piece of plastic, a couple of sticks, tape and string. And never fear, leave the kids long enough and it's inevitable