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- The word *gloating* means...

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

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Like a mad man, Dan said he'd go round and collect it!

We tried to warn him. We told him how hopeless it was and how mean Mrs. Drake can be. We told him what would happen if she saw him. Everyone in the street knows to stay out of her way. He wouldn't listen! He was fearless! We begged and begged but before we knew it, he'd leapt over the wall and he was there. Right there in her garden. I was so frightened. My heart was pounding. We told him not to go any further but he scurried over to the ball and picked it up. Just as he turned round to celebrate, she appeared out of nowhere.

• The word *replace* means...

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• The word *scurried* means...

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We all raced back into the house. Dan promised to get us a new ball but we think he's been through enough. I think we'll play football at Dan's house next time!

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