

E: (Q1) What is Tom's full name?

Thomas Oakley

E: (Q2) How do the children feel?

Bewildered and exhausted

E: (Q3) Describe Tom using evidence from the text.

He is an older man, in his sixties, tall with grey hair and wrinkled skin.

E: (Q4) Tom offers to hang up Willie's 'mackintosh'. What do you think a mackintosh is?

A mac, waterproof or rain coat.

E: (Q5) Who do you think Sammy is? Explain your reasons.

A dog or animal of some kind because Tom suggests shutting the door will stop Sammy eating Willie's bacon.

E: (Q6) How long ago had Tom's wife died?

Around forty years ago.

E: (Q7) Sammy often slept in Tom's bedroom. True or false?

False, it says she 'seldom' used her bed in Tom's bedroom.

D: (Q8) What do you think the woman is asking Tom to do?

Look after/host/take in an evacuee.

D: (Q9) Why do you think that Willie did not feel hungry?

He may have already eaten. He may be anxious, upset or frightened.

D: (Q10) Willie mentions that he could not hear traffic or banging and shouting at Tom's house. How do you imagine his home to be in comparison to Tom's?

It implies that his old house is loud and busy all around. As Willie is an evacuee he is likely to be from a large city when the houses are small and the streets may be dirty.

D: (Q11) Why does the woman at the graveyard think that Willie is polite?

He replies to her questions with 'miss'.

D: (Q12) Why was Willie terrified of the squirrel?

**He had not seen one in real life before: he had only seen pictures in books.
He was not sure what to do.**

D: (Q13) How was Willie feeling when he got back in to the cottage?

He was frightened, he thought Tom was going to hurt him with the poker.

D: (Q14) What do you think will happen in the next chapter?

Various responses – try to think about how life might change for both of the characters - Will Willie start to see another side to Tom's character? Will Tom start to understand that Willie might be missing his own home? What different characters might be introduced into chapter 2?

S: (Q15) What does the first line tell you about the character? Give reasons for your answer.

Various responses that must link back to the text e.g. grumpy because he did not open the door politely. He was rude to the lady.

S: (Q16) Why has the author used the word 'ent' instead of haven't when Tom speaks to Willie?

To show the reader how Tom speaks. He does not speak in full sentences and his accent changes the way he says certain words such as 'haven't' to 'ent'.

S: (Q17) What clue is in the text that Tom has bad eyesight?

Willie was asked to make a large mark on the wall so that Tom could see it.

S: (Q18) The author uses figurative language to describe the flames in the fire. What technique have they used and why?

Personification as it says the flames were 'dancing'. It also describes the crackle of the flames as 'friendly' so it makes the fire sound inviting and warm for Willie.

S: (Q19) The text says the young man was in uniform. What might the young man do for a job?

It is wartime so it will be likely that he is in the army, RAF, home guard or other services. He might be a policeman or fireman.

S: (Q20) Why does Willie assume he will 'get a beating'?

His mother beat him when he did something wrong. He was fending off the dog with a branch, which Tom told him not to do. He assumed he was doing something wrong.

S: (Q21) Why might the author have used the word 'place' instead of 'put' when describing how Tom moved Willie?

It implies that Tom has put him on the chair gently or carefully.

S: (Q22) Do you think Tom has a big or small house? Explain your answer giving evidence from the text.

Small because Tom's bedroom is opposite the living room and straight off the hall. There is another room up in the roof that seems unused.

M: (Q23) What does the word 'obligatory' mean?

Compulsory, it has to be done.

M: (Q24) Why was bacon a luxury?

It was wartime and food was harder to get hold of. Bacon was rationed.

M: (Q25) What might Willie drinking his tea sound like?

Loud like thunder; it suggests that the setting is silent.

M: (Q26) Why did Tom ask Willie if he was afraid of heights?

Willie's room will be up a ladder in the roof of the building.

M: (Q27) The author describes the setting of the graveyard. How do they do this effectively?

By using descriptive languages and setting the scene which makes it easy to imagine the graveyard in your mind.

M: (Q28) What does Willie think of his old teacher Mr Barrett?

He disliked him as Mr Barrett used to shout, yell and rap the knuckles of children.

M: (Q29) What is the meaning of the word 'reverberated'?

When a sound is repeated several times like an echo.

M: (Q30) What clues are there about Tom's life before Willie arrived?

He lived on his own with his dog, he had a wife –Rachel –who died a long time ago.

He kept some of Rachel's things.

He had a baby who died shortly after Rachel.

He has little money as the carpet is threadbare and his possessions are old.