

Goodnight Mister Tom  
Chapter One - Extension Activity

Section A

Use the information in the text to decide whether these statements are true or false.

	True	False
Tom has a cat called Sammy who we meet in the first paragraph.		✓
Willie is frightened of the squirrel because he has not seen a real-life one before.	✓	
Tom's wife died twenty years ago.		✓
The cottage is in the city and Willie and his sister are staying there.		✓
Tom gives Willie an egg sandwich and a cup of tea.		✓
Willie thought Tom was going to hit him with the poker.	✓	

Section B

Tick to show whether each sentence is written in the past or present tense.

	past	present
Tom's wife died a long time ago.	✓	
Willie wrapped himself in the scarf and took a step outside.	✓	
The graveyard is pleasant with flowers and trees dotted between gravestones.		✓
The cottage is old and creaky.		✓
Willie was polite to the lady he met in the graveyard.	✓	
The church is mere meters away from the cottage.		✓

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Section C

Write and match up the correct synonyms and antonyms from the box with the correct words below.

quieten	well-worn	reassured	optional
rough	pristine	compulsory	worried
echo	hassled	aided	delicate

word	synonym	antonym
reverberated	echo	quieten
harassed	hassled	reassured
obligatory	compulsory	optional
relieved	reassured	worried
coarse	rough	delicate
threadbare	well-worn	pristine

Use a synonym to rewrite the sentences below.

1. The woman looked harassed as she tried to keep control of the group of scared children.

The woman looked **hassled** as she tried to keep control of the group of scared children.

2. It was obligatory - Tom had to take in an evacuee from the city.

It was **compulsory** - Tom had to take in an evacuee from the city.

3. The carpet had been there for years and looked threadbare.

The carpet had been there for years and looked **well-worn**.

Willie hung up his **mackintosh** onto the peg and looked around. The **cottage** was **quaint**. From where he stood he could see the **range** burning hotly in the kitchen. It made the whole place feel warm and **cosy**. Tom presented him with a bacon sandwich, 'ere, eat this', he said while **thrusting** the plate into Willie's hand. Bacon was so **scarce** these days that only **lodgers** and visitors were offered any.

FIND and COPY one word in the text that means:

- in short supply, not often available **scarce**
- a waterproof jacket **mackintosh**
- pleasantly old-fashioned **quaint**
- pushy, pushing forwardsomething **thrusting**
- snug or comfortable **cosy**
- a cooking stove with hot plates and an oven **range**
- a person who rents a room in your home **lodger**
- a small house, usually in the country **cottage**