

- 1 Which of the children is the middle child?  
Peter
- 2 Are all of the children over the age of 10?  
No
- 3 Did Peter actually cry over his engine breaking?  
Yes
- 4 How many stanzas long is the poem Mother writes for Peter when he is unwell?  
7
- 5 What makes Peter feel better when is unwell?  
Having a pigeon pie to eat
- 6 Does the poem have a regular ABAB rhyme scheme?  
No
- 7 Why doesn't Mother tell the children what news the gentlemen brought?  
Because they won't understand
- 8 'Her dear face was as white as her lace collar' - what literary device is the author using here?  
A simile
- 9 What does 'dire calamity' mean?  
A disaster
- 10 What job is Aunt Emma going abroad to do?  
Governess
- 11 What does Peter mean to say when he says calling Bobbie silly is a "germ of endearment"?  
Term of endearment

- 12 Which servant is dismissed for threatening Peter after he plays a prank on her?  
Ruth
- 13 What scares the dog so much that he goes out all day?  
The engine exploding
- 14 At the end of the train journey the children wake “cold and melancholy”.  
Sad
- 15 Why do they have to walk to the new house from the train station?  
Because there are no cabs
- 16 What does Father do for a living?  
He works in the government
- 17 Give at least two reasons why don't the children like their new home.  
Because it is cold and dark and has rats and is lacking curtains and a hearth rug
- 18 What does Mother ask the children to do to help her after they receive the bad news?  
To be good and not argue and not to ask any questions about what's going on
- 19 Is anything broken when the engine explodes?  
The Noah's Ark people that were inside
- 20 Why do Father and Roberta say that they wish their house had a moat and drawbridge?  
So that they could keep unwanted guests away