

The Railway Children Chapter 3 answers

1. Why do the children like the railway so much?

Because it's the only thing connecting them to their old life, and their father

2. Why do the children wave at the 9:15 train every day?

To send their love to their father

3. What do the children call the 9:15 train?

The green dragon

4. Based on the description of his appearance, what kind of person do you think the old gentleman might be?

He seems mildly eccentric but nice

5. Why does Mother have to spend so much time writing?

Because they are poor now

6. Why do you think Peter decides to go up to talk to the Station Master about the incident with the coal?

Because he doesn't want him to be polite to him without knowing who he really is

7. What does Peter say to make Phyllis cry?

He calls her ungentlemanly

8. Why do you think Mother changes her mind and allows the children to walk on the railway? ?

Because she used to do it and her mother loved her so much but that didn't stop her from doing it, so she knows she can't stop them from doing it too

9. What do the family have for tea when one of Mother's stories gets published?

Buns

10. Why do the children like the Porter?

Because he tells them things about the railway and doesn't get bored of 'why' questions like other grown ups do

11. The way the Porter speaks is written differently to how the children speak, for example: "If you could get a holt of one o' them". What does this tell us about the Porter?

That he speaks with an accent

12. What do the children make out of bed sheets and what for?

They make a sign to tell the old gentleman to look out the window at the station so he will see Phyllis

13. Why do you think the author includes spelling mistakes in the letter the children write to the old gentleman?
- Because children make spelling mistakes so this makes it more realistic
14. Why does Phyllis almost miss the old gentleman at the station?
- Because her bootlaces kept coming undone and she fell over twice
15. What does Peter say to offend the Porter when he comes to drop off the parcel?
- He thinks the porter is hanging around because he wants a tip, when really he just wanted to ask after mother and leave her some flowers