

## Railway Children Chapter 10 Answers

1. Why do the children eventually stop talking about Father in front of Mother?
  - a. Because they can tell it is upsetting her
2. What does the fact that the children have stopped talking about Father in front of her make Mother think?
  - a. That they are forgetting him, but this isn't true
3. What does it mean to quarrel?
  - a. To argue
4. What little things do the children do to help Mother because she is so busy?
  - a. They don't argue so much, they bring her tea, they make her bed, they make sure there are flowers in her workroom, they clean her shoes
5. Do the children all successfully grow things in their little sections of the garden?
  - a. Phyllis does, Peter doesn't because he plays with the earth and the soil wasn't much good anyway, and Bobbie doesn't because she moves her roses at the wrong time of year
6. What do Bobbie and Peter fight over?
  - a. Who is entitled to the rake
7. What is Bobbie worried will happen to Peter after he is hurt?
  - a. She worries that he won't ever recover fully and he won't be able to walk again
8. Why does Perks come over the day Peter is hurt?
  - a. He is bringing flowers to replace Bobbie's dead roses, which he then offers to plant for her when he sees how worried she is about Peter
9. How long is Peter not allowed to walk for?
  - a. At least a week
10. After Bobbie apologises to Peter he calls her a prig. What does this mean?
  - a. A prig is a goody two shoes
11. What does Bobbie learn Perks has sent to Peter to keep him entertained while he has to rest?
  - a. A guinea pig
12. What do you think an illustrated paper is?
  - a. They were weekly illustrated news magazines - they were very cheap and widely distributed
13. What does Perks mean when he says 'pewmonia'?
  - a. Pneumonia - a serious infection of the lungs
14. How does Bobbie find out the secret?
  - a. Perks has given her some illustrated papers wrapped up in a sheet of newspaper and at a level crossing she stops and reads one of the columns and it is about their father
15. What is the terrible secret?
  - a. The children's father has been found guilty of a crime and has been sentenced to five years penal servitude - which means hard labour