Railway Children Chapter 4 Answers

- 1. How does Mother respond when the children finally tell her that they asked the old gentleman to buy them the things they needed for Mother to get well?
 - a. She is angrier than they have ever seen her but then she says sorry for being so angry
- 2. What do the people who work at the station call the Green Dragon and why?
 - a. The Snail, because it's often late
- 3. What are the two reasons the children do not like the canal as much as the railway?
 - a. They found the railway first and the people on the canal aren't as nice as the people on the railway
- 4. During this chapter Bobbie runs into the Doctor and they go for a ride in his dogcart. What do you think a dogcart is?
 - a. A type of horse-drawn carriage
- 5. What do the rest of the family prepare as a surprise for Bobbie's birthday?
 - a. They have made a map of the railway out of flowers on the table, and there's cake and presents
- 6. How old is Bobbie now?
 - a. 12
- 7. What tradition does Mother always do on the children's birthdays?
 - a. Sings them a personalised song

8. Why is Bobbie a bit upset when she realizes that Peter didn't actually mean to give her the engine, just the sweets inside?

It's not because she wanted the toy that much, it was because she thought it was such a nice thing for him to do, and she didn't want to seem greedy by assuming he was giving her the engine

9. Peter realizes that Bobbie is disappointed and agrees to share the engine with her, and Bobbie responds by saying that Peter is 'a brick'. What do you think this might mean?

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- 10. What does it mean to be an engine-burglar?
 - a. To go on a train without buying a ticket

- 11. How does Bobbie accidentally end up being an engine-burglar?
 - a. She wants to talk to the engineer about getting the toy engine fixed but it's loud and she falls into the coal and nobody notices her until the train has already moved away

12. And she's able to go to the station on her own at all because she rips her skirt just as they're all about to go out together and there's no time for her to change One of the men on the train is described as a fireman, but he isn't the kind of fireman who puts out fires at people's houses. What is his job?

- a. To shovel coal onto the fire to keep it burning
- 13. How does Bobbie end up getting home?
 - a. Jim and Bill let her off at the next station and put her on the next train going back the other way