

The Railway Children Chapter 5 Answers

1. At the start of the chapter Phyllis describes being in the waiting room while it's raining as "like being in a besieged castle". What do you think besieged means?
 - a. Being attacked
2. What game do the children play while they are waiting for Mother's train?
 - a. They act out adverts and the others have to guess which one they're doing
3. What does Bobbie give to Jim (the engineer from the last chapter) as a thank you for fixing Peter's toy engine?
 - a. Some homemade toffee
4. Why does the stranger create a scene at the station?
 - a. Because he can't speak English and seems unwell and doesn't have a ticket
5. Where is the stranger from?
 - a. Russia
6. What language can the stranger speak, apart from his native language?
 - a. French
7. Why does the Station Master think he should maybe call the police about the stranger?
 - a. Because he doesn't have a ticket
8. What was the Doctor doing when Bobbie finds him?
 - a. Gardening
9. What does the doctor say the stranger needs to get better?
 - a. Bed rest and the fire on over night
10. What was in the big black trunk in Mother's room that the children had never seen the inside of before?
 - a. Father's clothes
11. What does the contents of the trunk make Bobbie think might have happened?
 - a. Father might be dead
12. Why does Phyllis have to sleep on a mattress on the floor?
 - a. Because the stranger is sleeping in Mother's bed so Mother is sleeping in Phyllis's bed
13. What does Peter come into the girls' bedroom pretending to be?
 - a. A peacock
14. What do you think a Czar is? If you don't know just have a guess.
 - a. The King or Queen of Russia
15. Why was the stranger sent to prison?
 - a. For writing a book about how to help poor people and how to help them
16. What does it mean to desert in war?
 - a. To run away