

The Railway Children Chapter 8 Answers

1. What does it mean for someone to 'keep' their birthday?
 - a. To celebrate it
2. How old will Perks be on the on the fifteenth of the month?
 - a. 32
3. Why are the children better friends with Perks than the Station Master?
 - a. Because Perks is more approachable and easier to talk to
4. Why don't Phyllis and Bobbie want to go down to the towpath to fish?
 - a. Because that's where boys threw rocks at them previously
5. What is a barge?
 - a. A canal boat
6. Why does Peter feel brave enough to argue with Bill when he is telling them to clear off from the canal?
 - a. Because he is halfway up the bank and he said he would fight any boys who were mean to them
7. What does Bill do to Peter for fishing in the canal and for being rude?
 - a. He pulls him down the bank and twists his ear
8. Where does the man from the barge go after the children leave?
 - a. The Rose and Crown, which is a pub
9. Is the following sentence a simile or a metaphor? "The girls followed him as gallant soldiers might follow the leader of a forlorn hope."
 - a. Simile
10. What does forlorn mean?
 - a. Sad
11. How does Bill's wife lull the baby to sleep?
 - a. She is singing it a sad song
12. Why does Bill's wife feel safe leaving the baby in the barge?
 - a. Because she knows that he won't wake up before midnight and because their dog, Spot, is there
13. How does Phyllis help Peter get out of the water after he falls in?
 - a. She pulls him by his hair
14. Why does Peter say he should go into the burning barge first?
 - a. Because he has fallen into the water so he is wet - this will protect him from the fire
15. How hard does Peter push Bobbie out of the way at the cabin door?
 - a. So hard she would have cried if he had done it when they were playing
16. Why does Peter lie and say that there isn't much fire? With this in mind, do you think this was the right thing to do?
 - a. Because he doesn't want to worry Bobbie so she won't follow him down
 - b. Up to them but I would say no, there's safety in numbers
17. Why does the dog bite Bobbie?
 - a. Because she is a stranger, but it doesn't bite her hard
18. Why does Bobbie have to run and get Bill and his wife instead of Peter?
 - a. Because Peter's clothes are wet which make it impossible to run
19. What does Bill's wife do as soon as she gets back to the canal?
 - a. She snatches her baby from Phyllis

20. What had started the fire?
- a. The ash from Bill's pipe had fallen on the rug
21. What does Bill offer the children to say thank you for what they did?
- a. He offers to give them a free ride on his barge
22. What do the children plan to do so that people on barges will know that they are friends of Bill's?
- a. They will always wear red ribbons on their wrists when they are fishing in the canal