

## The Railway Children Chapter 9 Answers

1. Why do the children ask to delay having buns for tea?
  - a. So they can give them to Perks for his birthday
2. What is Perks' first name?
  - a. Albert
3. What is Peter's idea for how they can help Perks to celebrate his birthday?
  - a. He wants to go and ask other people in the village to help - Perks is so nice so there must be lots of people who would want to
4. What do Bobbie and Phyllis get up early to do and why do they do it?
  - a. They give the woman who works at the post office some roses and a needlebook and a tie for her birthday, they do this because when they asked her if she wanted to give anything to Perks she says it's her birthday the next day and nobody will notice
5. What is a perambulator?
  - a. A pram for a baby
6. What is Perk's house like?
  - a. It is yellow, clean and has flowers on the windowsill
7. How does Perks' wife respond to the children bringing the presents?
  - a. She bursts into tears because it's more than he's ever had for a birthday before
8. Where do the children hide when Perks comes in?
  - a. In the wash house
9. What does Bobbie realise she has forgotten to do?
  - a. Put labels on the presents, so it looks like it's all from them not from the whole village
10. What does Perks say when Bobbie explains that not all the presents are from them and they went round the village asking people to contribute?
  - a. That they have embarrassed them in front of the whole village and he doesn't want to be friends with them anymore
11. Why does Perks not like that the children have given him so many presents?
  - a. Because he thinks it is charity - the implication being that he is poor and can't help himself, and also that he expects help from other people
12. How does Bobbie show Perks that the presents weren't charity?
  - a. By reading out the labels for the presents which include what people said about them and about Perks - they all show that everyone respects him and nobody is giving him the presents because of charity
13. The chapter finishes by saying that "it's not so much what you do, as what you mean". What do you think the author means by this and do you agree?
  - a. It means that it's about your intentions not your actions, in this case, it means you should do nice things for people because you like them and are friends with them, rather than because you pity them