

The Borrowers - answers

chapter 18 - Comprehension

1. Pod didn't want to live in the doll house because it was too high up and you might get stuck with no food or water.
2. They were going to emigrate to the badger's set.
3. Mrs Driver locked the boy in the schoolroom.
4. The boy might feel angry or worried because he couldn't help the Borrowers.
5. There are lots of words you could use to describe Mrs Driver – selfish, bossy, mean. She's not a very nice character.

Word Building

1. Expressionless – Pod was talking but showing no emotion.
2. Glisten – Arrietty's tears were shining in the candlelight.
3. Appeased – Homily seemed happy with the boy's answer
4. Bewildered – The boy seemed confused about where to put Homily.

Chapter 19 – Comprehension

1. Kate was angry with Mrs May because she didn't find out what happened to The Borrowers.
2. The boy was locked in the room for three days.
3. The boy had to leave Aunt Sophy's house because there was a boat going back to India with a family who could take him.
4. We know the policeman never believed Mrs Driver because he gave an 'old fashioned look' and suggested that she was drinking too much Madeira wine.
5. Instead of catching the Borrowers, the cat ate the fish and egg sauce from the larder.
6. Mrs Driver and the rat catcher were trying to suffocate the Borrowers, the boy used a pick axe to make a hole so the Borrowers could get fresh air.

Chapter 20 – Comprehension

1. She took a pillowcase filled with things the Borrowers would like and the next day it was gone. She also saw an oak-apple which was what the Borrowers used as a teapot.
2. The Borrowers had a wonderful life – they gathered hazelnuts, beechnuts and chestnuts. They made flour with corn, they had honey and elderflower tea. They could fish in the stream and they had lots of different food.

Chapter 20 – Inference

1. Mrs May said that Arrietty 'used to make her 'e's' like little half moons with a stroke in the middle...' as did her brother. This suggests that the boy was writing and Arrietty was imaginary.