

Text: Goodnight Mister Tom

## ANSWERS

Answer these comprehension questions about Chapter 5

1. Looking at the name of the chapter, what do you think will happen in this chapter?

*The chapter is called 'Chamberlain Announces' so we would assume it is about when the war was declared officially.*

2. What five things did Chamberlain say that we would be fighting against?

*The evil things: brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression and persecution.*

3. Why was Sam put in the corner of the garden?

*He was getting in the way and refilling the hole the men and the boys were digging.*

4. Tom says he needs to dig a trench for the Anderson. What is an Anderson?

*An air-raid shelter built in the garden.*

5. According to Willie's mother, what should Willie do on a Sunday, and what should he not do?

*Sunday was for sitting quietly with a bible, not for playing or working. Willie usually got a beating after church.*

6. Why was Willie confused about the hymn books?

*They were red and his mum had told him anything to do with red was a sin. The vicar asked him to give the books out, so he was confused as to if the books were sinful or not.*

7. Why do you think the message from the Prime Minister had been broadcast by the wireless? Explain your answer.

*There were no TVs and the news needed to be given immediately. It will have been reported in the newspapers but publishing a paper takes some time to get the message out to people. At least with a wireless people would get the information immediately.*