

Day 5 Pink Reading Task - Retrieval and Inference

Answer the following questions about the extracts from Chapter 17.

Write your answers in full sentences and use evidence from the text to support your point wherever possible. You can answer the questions in any order.

Extract 1

- 1) In the first two paragraphs, find two phrases to show that Will is scared.
- 2) What name had Will given to the baby?

Extract 2

- 3) Who had been to see Will before Mr Tom was allowed in to see him?
- 4) What did Mr Tom think would help Will to get better?

Extract 3

- 5) What was Tom carrying when he realised he was stood outside the children's ward?
- 6) Why do you think Tom wanted Sammy to be quiet when they got to where Tom had tied him up?

Challenge: Do you think Tom was right to steal Will from the hospital? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

ANSWERS

1) In the first two paragraphs, find two phrases to show that Will is scared.

Two from the following: Shrank at the light, let out a frightened whimper, tightened himself, eyes wide with fear

2) Why does Tom ask to talk to William?

Tom is familiar to William as he says 'E knows me' and thinks he will be able to calm him and make him feel safe.

3) Who had been to see Will before Mr Tom was allowed in to see him?

A psychiatrist

4) What did Mr Tom think would help Will to get better?

Getting back to the wide-open fields.

5) What was Tom carrying when he realised he was stood outside the children's ward?

A blanket

6) Why do you think Tom wanted Sammy to be quiet when they got to where Tom had tied him up?

So that Sammy did not draw attention to them and he could get away without people realising that he had kidnapped Will from the hospital.

Challenge: Do you think Tom was right to steal Will from the hospital? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

There is no right or wrong answer for this as it is your opinion but you should have included some evidence from the text.

- William was treated badly by his mother: covered in cuts and bruises and not fed properly
- William had no family left in London as his mother had run away
- William was going to be sent to a children's home where he would be looked after by doctors