

'The Magic Faraway Tree' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. Why were the children excited about having Rick come and stay?

He was about the same age as Joe, he was happy, rather naughty and it would be fun to have him around.

2. Why is the word '*will*' in italics on p.2?

This shows just how much of a surprise it will be for Rick as their adventures are so exciting and so unbelievable.

3. Does the wood at the bottom of the garden sound like an inviting place to go? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

The adjectives used to describe it are 'dark' and 'thick' so it doesn't sound like somewhere a person would choose to go.

4. How do we know that Rick is quite a polite boy?

When he arrives at the house he immediately says how good it is of Aunt Polly to have him and how happy he is to see everyone.

5. Why does Rick think it will be 'rather dull' to live here?

He will miss the sounds of the city - the sounds of buses and cars.

6. How do the children try to convince Rick that he's going to enjoy being in the country?

They tell him about their adventures in the Enchanted Wood, the lands at the top of the Faraway Tree and the people they've met.

7. Why does Rick think the children are making fun of him?

It sounds too unbelievable to be true, so he assumes that the children are making it up to tease him.

8. How does Rick show that he's getting impatient with the children?

He begs them to take him to the Enchanted Wood so that he can see all the things they are talking about. His eyes begin to shine and he talks very excitedly about going to the Wood.



9. What is the purpose of the dashes (-) at the top of p.7?

They provide further information about the food that Mother has prepared and a little more information about the dangerous land that the children went to.

10. How does mother come up with a solution to the children's disappointment?

She says that if they work hard today, she'll let them have the whole of tomorrow off to go exploring and to see their friends.

