

## 'The Borrowers' 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 does Mrs May live in Kate's parents' house?

*She was a relation of the family*

2. Why is Kate never 'wild' with Mrs May?

*Mrs May wasn't exactly strict, but she had a certain way about her that made Kate listen and not do the things she normally did.*

3. Why does Mrs May think The Borrowers must be in the house?

*Kate's crochet hook disappears from the bottom shelf of the book-case that is beside her bed.*

4. What reasons does Kate give for believing there 'must be' other people in the house?

*The fact that things always disappear - e.g. safety pins, pencils and needles*

5. How is a hat-pin very useful to a Borrower?

*It can be used as a weapon*

6. Which adverb describes how Mrs May spoke to Kate about her brother?

*Gently*

7. Why does Mrs May think her brother told her about The Borrowers?

*He was jealous that his sisters were older than he was and he wanted to impress them.*

💡 8. What does Mrs May mean when she says that her brother 'almost became a Borrower himself'?

*Appropriate answers, e.g. I think that it means that because he spent so much time with them, he felt like part of their community/family. If he had been small enough, he could have lived with them and become a Borrower.*

9. Which adjectives did Mrs May's brother use to describe The Borrowers on p.8?

*Touchy and conceited*



💡10. What is the significance of the hole under the clock at the end of the chapter? What impact does the information have on the reader?

Appropriate answers, e.g. It suggests that the hole could lead to where The Borrowers lived and that it is important part of the link between The Borrowers and the humans. This will therefore intrigue the reader to read on further to find out where the hole leads to.

