

## 'Stig of the Dump' 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 did Barney find himself at the dump?

Today was a grey day when there is nothing to do, nothing to play and nowhere to go.

2. What does Barney think the chalk has been used for?

Sticks of chalk that are used on blackboards in schools.

3. Which verb describes how Barney moved through the grass on p.8?

Crawled

4. How were Barney's thoughts 'mixed up'?

He was thinking about what he had for dinner last Tuesday as well as the answer to seven times six.

💡 5. What evidence is there that Barney can keep a calm head in a tough situation?

When he is lying at the bottom of the dump with his legs tangled, he lies still so that his eyes get used to the dark. When he realises his legs are tangled, he feels grateful that the creepers stopped him breaking his neck.

6. Why is Barney surprised when Stig starts sharpening the stone?

He thinks he is going to sharpen the knife, using the stone.

7. What is Stig using for a bed?

A pile of bracken and newspapers

8. What does the word 'approving' mean?

He admired his home and liked what he'd done to it.

9. Why does Stig look 'blank' when Barney talks to him?

He doesn't understand what Barney is saying.



💡 10. What do we find out about Lou towards the end of the extract?

Appropriate answers, e.g. She doesn't believe what Barney says and thinks he makes things up. She enjoys inventing stories and games.

