

OUR RUNAWAY KITE

1. How did the kite look like?

The kite was big & covered with lovely red paper with gold tinsel stars pasted all over it.

2. What story does Philippa want to tell us?

Philippa wants to tell us how their family was reunited on account of the kite.

3. What was funny to the children?

It was funny to the children that people pitied them when they went back to the island.

4. Why didn't other children join Philippa and Claude on the island?

Philippa & Claude used to quarrel a lot with other children so they didn't join them on the island.

5. What couldn't Philippa & Claude understand?

Philippa & Claude couldn't understand why their father said that it was his fault that they didn't have any relations.

6. What did the children do with kites?

The children would play Shipwrecked Mariners. During the game, they signalled to each other with kites.

7. How did Philippa damage the kite?
The kite was damaged accidentally when Philippa tripped over rocks & her elbow cleaved through the kite.

8. What story did Philippa's father start telling?

Philippa's father told the children the story of what had become of their kite. Actually, he started telling the story of his life.

9. How did the kite reach Aunt Esther?

Aunt Esther's children Dick & Mimi got the kite in the woods & brought it home.

10. Why was there a sense of unhappiness in Philippa & Claude?

Philippa & Claude would have liked to have someone to play ~~pre~~ pirate games & things like that with them.

11. How did Aunt Esther react, having seen the letter on the kite?

When Aunt Esther saw the letter on the kite, she turned pale because it was the very letter she had once written to her brother.

The Cat

1) What wrong conception do people hold about a cat according to the author?

Most people think that the cat is an unintelligent animal, fond of ease & caring little for anything but mice & milk.

2) How does the cat behave with the guest & why so?

If there is a guest at the table the cat is particularly civil to him, because the guest is likely to have the best of what is offered.

3) How does the cat manage to get his share of food from the guest?

When the family sits down to tea the cat puts in an appearance to get his share. The cat purrs noiselessly & rubs himself against the legs of the family members.

4) Why does the author compare cats to King Arthur's knights?

The backyards that are dull to ~~the~~ cats are the hunting grounds to cats, more adventurous than King Arthur's knights.

5) Why does the cat not want to leave his own house?

Exiled in the new land, he would ~~have~~ to learn a new geography.

6) How does the cat keep away from boredom?

To keep away boredom, the cat sometimes watches a mousehole for an hour or two.

7) Why does the cat look keenly from side to side?

The cat look keenly from side to side for he has so many enemies. Like dog & small boys with stones.

8) Why does the cat stretch himself a few times?

The cat stretches himself a few times to see if every muscle is in full working order.

9) What qualities does the cat have?

The cat is an athlete, an acrobat & a grim fighter.

10) When does the cat rake the guest?

The cat gets tired of the guest stepping down & stroking him. Then he rakes the guest.

THE SNAIL

1) What does the snail usually stick to?
The snail usually sticks to grass, leaf, fruit & wall.

2) What makes the snail well satisfied?
The snail dwells alone in his house & it is his only personal belongings. This thought makes the snail well satisfied.

3) Why does the snail have no fear of falling?

As the snail sticks to grass, leaf, fruit & wall tightly, he does not have any fear.

4) What will happen if one gives the snail's horns the slightest touch?

The snail shrinks itself in his house or shell if one gives his horns the slightest touch.

5) What is the meaning of the word 'chatells'?

The word 'chatells' means personal belongings.

6) Where does the snail grow?

The snail grows simultaneously with his house or shell together.

7) What does the snail possess as his personal belongings?

The snail possesses none except himself as his personal belongings.

8) What kind of treasure does the snail have?

His house only is his treasure.

9) What does the snail do when danger come?

The snail shrinks into his house securely in time of danger.

10) What does the word 'self collecting power' mean?

... Having or showing self control or composed or self possessed strength in itself.

11) What feeling does the snail have to be his own whole treasure?

The snail does not have many treasures, but the snail is quite satisfied with its personal belongings like its outer shell.

SEA FEVER

1) What is the significance of the Title 'Sea Fever'?

'Sea Fever' is a poem that expresses the strong desire, restlessness, excitement & intense longing to go back in sea of the poet.

2) What attitude of the poet is revealed in the poem 'Sea Fever'?

The poet is very excited, restless, & he has a strong desire to go back in sea.

3) Along with a windy day what does the poet want during his sea voyage?

Along with a windy day, the poet wants to enjoy white clouds flying during his sea voyage.

4) Which things does the poet need for sailing?

The poet needs for a tall ship & a star as a guide & a windy day with white clouds.

5) What kind of weather does the poet want before starting his voyage?

The poet wants a lovely sea, a favourable wind, & quiet sleep & a sweet dream.

6) Why cannot the poet deny the call of the voyage?

The poet cannot deny the call of the voyage because the call is wild & clear.

7) Why does the poet choose the life of the gypsies?

The poet chooses the life of the gypsies because he loves the life of the vagrant gypsies.

8) With what has wind been compared to?
The wind has been compared to a whetted knife.

9) What kind of tale does the poet want to be told?

The poet wants a merry yarn from a laughing fellow never to be told.

10) During what time of the day does the poet wish to go down to the seas?

The poet wishes to go down to the seas at the time of dawn breaking.