

Tom's Midnight Garden 2

Read the opening two chapters of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' and answer the questions. If you can, share the text and discuss it with someone else. Do the work in your homework book if you have it.

Reading

Explain fully why Tom finds it difficult to sleep.

What did Tom do to try and get to sleep?

Did it work? Why?

Why was Aunt Gwen upset that Tom went into the larder?

Why do you think Uncle Alan was cross about Tom going into the larder?

Word work

These words are all from chapter two. Make sure you know what they mean and put each of them into a sentence. Use your homework book if you have it.

monologue gesture contradiction affirm unburden sullen

Writing

- Using clues and evidence from the text, draw a picture of Aunt Gwen and Uncle Alan and write a short character description of each.
- Choose ONE of these tasks. (You can do them both if you want to!)

Write a conversation between Tom and the house.

or

Continue the story from the end of the chapter:

Tom sat up in bed, a little angry in his turn. "Now," he said, "I'm going to prove this, one way or the other. I'm going to see what the clock fingers say. I'm going down to the hall.

Stepping gingerly out of bed, careful to avoid the creaky floorboard, he padded silently to the door and slowly turned the brass handle...

Try to use as many of the features we have studied as you can, such as:

- simile
- metaphor
- parentheses (*brackets, commas, dashes*) to add information
- relative pronouns *who which when that*
- expanded noun phrases
- show not tell
- dialogue - direct speech and reported speech