

Tom's Midnight Garden

Read the opening chapters of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' and answer the questions. You don't have to write the answers down but make sure you know the answers. If you can, share the text and discuss it with someone else.

What had Tom planned to do during the summer holidays?

Why had Peter been allowed to climb in the apple tree with Peter?

How did Tom's mother ensure that he was listening to him before she spoke to him on the doorstep?

Something annoyed Tom's mother as the car was pulling away - what was it?

Why did Tom wish that his Uncle was more cruel?

Why did Tom's uncle not allow him to climb the cathedral tower?

Why was Tom unable to open the door to the pendulum?

How does Uncle Alan feel about the grandfather clock?

What makes him feel this way?

How does Tom feel about the room he is to stay in? Why?

What happens to cheer him up?

Which phrase in the text has a similar meaning to this one: 'personal symbol'?

Why do you think the first chapter is called 'Exile'?

What do you think HAPPENS NEXT???