

Tom's Midnight Garden 4

Read up to the end of Chapter 4 of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' and answer the questions. Share the text and discuss it with someone else. Do the work in your homework book if you have it.

Reading

These questions are about Chapter 4.

What made Tom happy when he woke in the morning?

Why had caused Tom to be angry with his aunt and uncle?

Describe how Tom attempted to get his revenge for this.

On page 22 it says: 'Tom had not intended to harry Aunt Gwen apart from Uncle Alan...' In this sentence 'harry' is a verb. What does it mean?

What does B.A.R. stand for? Why do you think Tom decided to wrote that on his letters?

Hyacinths are plants with purplish flowers. Explain the significance of hyacinths in this chapter of the story.

Look at the sentence from p.29: 'Now he knew - he knew! With trembling fingers he began to ease the bolt back...' What did Tom know?

Word work

These words are all from Chapter 4. Put each one into a sentence, in your homework book if you have it.

tranquil justifiable severe intent imperative
desolate prudence convenience

Writing

Write the next chapter of the story.

Here are a few things to think about.

The man with the ginger beard seemed to know something about the garden, don't you think?

- Introduce a new character
- Think carefully about how you set the scene - and the **mood** of the place. Show (don't tell) the reader what Tom

Sees

Hears

Touches

Feels

And don't forget what Tom feels inside (feelings) as well as what he touches or is touched by physically.

Try to incorporate existing elements of the story:

Clock (I wonder if there's a sundial in the garden... hmmm...)

Hyacinths

Have fun!