

Tom's Midnight Garden 7

Read Chapter 7 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 7.

What was Uncle Alan doing while Tom was writing his letter to Peter?

Why did Aunt Gwen say she did not want Tom to ask his uncle 'odd questions'?

Why does Uncle Alan think that it is not such a good idea for Tom to write to Peter?

Why does Tom decide that he would like to catch measles?

What does Tom do to try and ensure that no-one tampers with the letter he has written to Peter?

There is a great 'show not tell' in this chapter.

'He dug his pen in a row of inky holes down the side of his paper.'

A few lines later it says:

'...Tom went back to his letter, cramping his writing between the doodlings and stab-marks.'

- What does this show us about how Tom is feeling - especially towards his uncle?

Word work

These words are all from Chapter 7. Put each one into a sentence, in your homework book if you have it.

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Writing

During this chapter, Tom is finishing off a letter to Peter. At the end of the letter Tom tells Peter about some children he has met in the garden. Write Tom's letter to Peter from the beginning, including an account of the storm and the fir-tree, and how he came to meet the children.

Remember to:

- Write in the first person.
- Use paragraphs.
- Explain to Peter why there are stab-marks in the letter!