

Answers for 1. *The Railway Children*

Vocabulary:

1. live on the edge of a large town/city
2. comfort
3. always fair/doesn't treat them unfairly

Retrieval:

4. as a means of getting to places - e.g. Maskelyne and Cook's, the Pantomime, Zoological Gardens, and Madame Tussaud's
5. he always had an excellent reason for it/explained the reason to the children so interestingly and funnily (that they felt sure he couldn't help himself)
6. the Engine suddenly went off with a bang/his engine broke

Inference:

7. the dreadful change came quite suddenly/they did not know HOW happy till the pretty life in the Red Villa was over and done with, and they had to live a very different life indeed
8. Accept any two from:
She was almost always there/ ready to play with the children/read to them/helped them to do their home-lessons/wrote stories for them/ made up funny pieces of poetry for their birthdays and for other great occasions
9. He gets his appetite back/he wants to have something REAL to eat (also accept: he suddenly sat up in bed)

Summarise:

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| 1 | The children are only aware of the railways as a way of getting around. |
| 4 | They children had everything they needed at home. |
| 5 | Peter is affected by the loss of his new engine. |
| 3 | Their mother writes things for them for different reasons. |
| 2 | The three children were called Roberta, Peter and Phyllis. |

Compare:

11. She isn't dull/doesn't sit at home waiting around for dull ladies to pay calls to her/doesn't spend all her time in paying dull calls to dull ladies

Answers for 2. *The Railway Children*

Vocabulary:

1. nursemaid
2. the doll's house was given new furnishings - e.g. wallpaper, paint, furniture etc.
3. wishes

Retrieval:

4. Accept any three of the following: pretty clothes/good fires/a lovely nursery with heaps of toys/Mother Goose wallpaper/a kind and merry nursemaid/a dog of their own/perfect father/caring mother/house with all modern conveniences
5. was so frightened that he went out and did not come back all day
6. she was afraid that he might be sickening for measles

Inference:

7. it tells us that she has the right intentions/ideas but also gives us a clue that although she means extremely well she probably gets it wrong sometimes
8. boys of ten don't cry no matter how bad something is that happens to them/no matter what happens to make their life worse/to make them sad
9. He said that his eyes were red because he had a cold. This turned out to be true, though Peter did not know it was when he said it...

Meaning as a whole:

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	True	False
Their father treats them all differently and they find this difficult.		✓
They are very content as a family.	✓	
The children are not <i>railway children</i> at this point in the story.	✓	
All of the children were involved in damaging Peter's birthday present.		✓

Authorial intent:

11. To build suspense/to warn us that change is coming/something is going to happen/to tell us that their happy life doesn't last