

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

Reading Questions and Answers

p.24 What has Hal seen? Why is he surprised?

- Example answer: I think Hal might have seen the Earth with the Sun hiding behind it. I think he is surprised to see the Sun because he thought it was lost.

p.26-27 Why do you think Hal was surprised to find that the planet is rotating?

- Example answer: He didn't know that the Earth turned.

p.26-27 Why do you think Hal flies around the planet to try and find his bedroom?

- Example answer: He can't see where he came from and might be worried that his country and bedroom is gone.

p.28 What does Hal find instead?

- Example answer: Hal finds the Sun.

p.28-29 What has Hal learned about the Earth and the Sun?

- Example answer: Hal has found out that the Earth turns and that that is why we can sometimes see the Sun and sometimes can't.

p.28-29 Why can't Hal (or we) see the Sun at night?

- Example answer: We can't see the Sun because the Earth has turned and in our part of it we are facing the other way.

p.30-31 How do you think Hal feels now that he has solved the mystery? Why?

- Example answer: I think Hal is very pleased he has found the Sun because he now knows it hasn't gone anywhere and he can tell people how the Earth turns.

After Reading

Have you learned anything about the Sun or Earth from this story?

- Example answer: I have learned that the Sun does not go away at night; it stays in the same place, but our part of the Earth is facing the other way and can't see it.

What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

- Example answer: My favourite part of the story was when Hal found out that the Earth turns because I didn't know that either.

Deeper Reading

Can you tell me the story in your own words?

Would the story still make sense if Hal had flown into space in the morning rather than at night?

- Example Answers: At bedtime, Hal's rocket-bed flies into space. Hal is given a special mission to find the Sun because it has disappeared. Hal finds the Moon, then stars and then Mars. Eventually, he turns around to look at the Earth and finds the Sun. Hal learns that the Earth rotates and that the Sun stays where it is and does not disappear.
- The story wouldn't make sense if Hal took off in the daytime, as the Sun wouldn't have disappeared. He would have seen the Sun before he even flew into space.

