

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

Reading Questions and Answers

p.17-18 Where is this part of the story set? How do you know?

- Example answer: This part of the story is set in a recycling centre. I know this because there is a rubbish truck with the recycling sign on it, heading into the recycling centre. It says in the story that there are 'giant containers' and that cars are dropping rubbish off here.

p.19 What new character does Morris meet at this place? What question does he answer for Morris?

- Morris meets a seagull. The seagull answers his question about where the rubbish goes. (He tells him that it is 'crushed and reused'.)

p.20 What does Morris decide to do to solve his problem?

- He decides to ask his friends to bring the rubbish to the recycling centre so that it can be reused.

p.20 Can you find a phrase which means to 'put things right'?

- The phrase is 'make amends'.

p.21 What does Morris do after he has left the recycling centre?

- He works with the help of his friends (through the night) to collect all the rubbish to take it to the recycling centre.

p.22 What does Morris do after the rubbish has all been cleared away?

- Next, Morris plants seeds and waters and looks after new plants.

p.22 What words would you use to describe how Morris is feeling at this part of the story?

- Example answer: I think that Morris feels relieved that they have cleared away all the rubbish now and that he feels hopeful that the forest will grow stronger.

p.24 What does Morris realise at the end of the story?

- He realises that having a green/natural home is best.

p.24 Were you surprised by the ending? Is it what you expected?

- Example answer: I wasn't really surprised by the ending as I thought that he was going to sort out the problem as stories like this usually have a happy ending. I also remember that the blurb said that this is an 'uplifting story' so I knew he would solve the problem.

Can you sum up in just twenty words what happened in this story?

- Example answer: Morris collects too many shiny things. The forest is a mess. He takes the rubbish to a recycling centre.

Deeper Reading

Can you think of a different title for this story? Can you explain why you think that would be a good title for the story?

- Example answer: I would call this story 'Morris Learns to Look After His Environment' as that is the message of the story and the lesson that he learns.

