

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl

Reading Questions and Answers

The Brown Hen: Where does this chapter take place?

- Example answer: This chapter takes place in the farmyard.

p. 53 Can the word 'electric' have more than one meaning?

- Example answer: The word 'electric' can mean that something is suddenly very exciting.

p.55 How does George behave when it seems that the hen is on fire?

- Example answer: George runs and grabs a bucket of water to throw over the sizzling hen.

p.59 What did George's mother do when she saw the giant hen?

- Example answer: George's mother was so amazed that she dropped the shopping and stammered.

Describe Mr Kranky's appearance.

- Example answer: Mr Kranky was small, bandy and always ready to start jumping up and down in excitement.

p.61 Find a sentence which tells us how worried Mr Kranky is about Grandma's feelings.

- Example answer: Mr Kranky tells Grandma to shut up, so he is not at all worried about Grandma's feelings.

p.61 How can you tell that George's father was excited about the giant hen?

- Example answer: On p.61 Mr Kranky starts jumping up and down. His speech is followed by exclamation marks. He speaks in short, snappy sentences, which suggest excitement.

What does this chapter tell you about Mr Kranky?

- Example answer: Mr Kranky is enthusiastic and imaginative, because he can see the potential of this medicine. He does not question the strange situation that the family have encountered.

What impression do we get of the Kranky family?

- Example answer: The Kranky parents seem very kind and lovely. This is very different to Grandma who is a real meany. Mr Kranky is delighted with George's invention.

What happened to the animals on the farm?

- Example answer: As each animal was given the medicine it grew huge.

Deeper Reading

Compare Mr Kranky's reaction to Mrs Kranky's reaction as they arrive at the farm.

- Example answer: Mrs Kranky is amazed and can't quite believe her eyes, however Mr Kranky understands exactly what he sees, despite it being extremely strange. He does not question the weirdness of it, but wants to know more.

What kind of change can you see in the character of Grandma through these two chapters?

- Example answer: Grandma has not changed at all, but seems to be enjoying herself more now. She is still very selfish and thinks the world revolves around her.

