

Comprehension

Part A

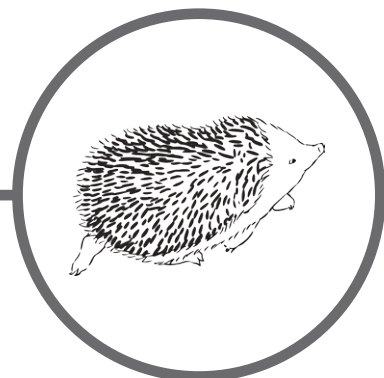
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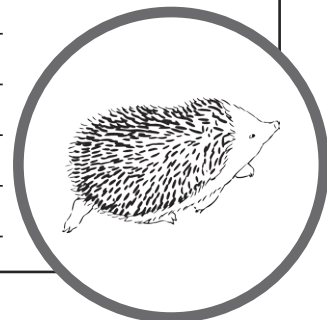
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Challenge Task

Try and sum up Chapters 5 and 6 in less than thirty words. Then, try and reduce it to twenty words. Could you reduce it even further to just ten words? Compare your 10-word summary with a partner.



Comprehension Answers

Part A

1. What did Max not know about pedestrian crossings?
 - *Max did not know that other people would be coming across the road from the other side.*
2. What words did Max say to express his excitement at being at the park?
 - *In his excitement, Max said, 'Hip, hip, hooray!'*
3. How did Max find his way home from the park?
 - *Max found his way home from the park because he was given directions from another hedgehog.*
4. Why was Ma hedgehog beginning to worry?
 - *Ma hedgehog was beginning to worry because Max had been gone all night and hadn't come home.*
5. Why were there eggs, milk and juice all over the road at the end of Chapter 6?
 - *There were eggs, milk and juice all over the road because the milkman had had to swerve to avoid hitting Max and he had dropped some items off his milk float.*

Part B

1. How would you describe the personality of the neighbour hedgehog? Why?
 - *Example answer: I think the neighbour hedgehog is very helpful because he takes the time to try and help Max get home and go around to tell Max's parents that he has seen him.*
2. On p.54, what foolish thing did Max do? Why?
 - *Example answer: Max behaved foolishly when he dashed across the street without thinking or glancing to look for traffic. I think he did this because he was so excited to feel normal again and knew that he was near home.*
3. How did Ma and Pa react differently to the dreadful noise they heard near the end of Chapter 6?
 - *Example answer: Ma curled herself into a ball of misery and didn't want to go outside because she feared the worse. Pa behaved very differently. He said that they had to 'brace themselves' and felt they should go and see what had happened even if it was bad news.*

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Challenge Question

Children's individual 10-word summaries.