

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

The Hodgehog by Dick King-Smith

Reading Questions and Answers

What has happened in the story so far? Can you create a timeline of events?

- Individual answers that relate to the main events in the story so far.

What do you think will happen to Max when he tries to cross at the traffic lights? Why?

- Example answer: I think that he might not be quick enough to cross the road in time because the traffic lights won't stay on red long enough for him to get across safely.

Where did Max find himself when he had crossed the road?

- Max found himself at the park.

How do you think he felt when he realised where he was? Why?

- Example answer: I think Max felt excited because he had reached a new place and was investigating all the new smells.

Can you find some words or phrases in the text to describe how he felt?

- Examples include: 'Hip, hip, roohay!', trotted busily, shoving his snout into everything, etc.

Who did Max come across when he thought he was lost and how did he help him?

- Max came across another hedgehog, who gave him directions home.

Why did the stranger 'look curiously at him?'

- The stranger looked curiously at Max because he was speaking strangely. Max's sentences were jumbled.

What was 'the tall red house' that Max found on his way home? Why does Max use this description?

- The 'tall red house' was actually a phone box. Max used this description as he probably hadn't seen one before.

At the beginning of Chapter 6, which words and phrases in the text tell the reader that Max's family were worried about him when he hadn't come home?

- Examples include: 'Wake up. Max hasn't come back'; Pa opened his eyes and saw her worried face and the three smaller but equally worried faces of Peony, Pansy and Petunia; 'But he could be anywhere...'etc

How did Max know his speech had got back to normal?

- Max knew his speech had gone back to normal because after he had been hit on the head by the door of the phone box, he spoke and realised his sentences and words weren't jumbled anymore.

How does the author show that the milkman is angry at the end of Chapter 6?

- Example answer: The author showed the milkman's anger by saying that he cursed loudly and danced in rage.

Deeper Reading

Do you think the neighbour who helped Max had realised that Pa had eaten the 'munchimeat'? Why do you think this?

- I think the neighbour did know that Pa had eaten all the munchimeat because he looked directly at Pa when he was talking about it.

