

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith

Reading Questions and Answers

What do you think this chapter will be about?

- Example answer: Max is continuing his research about crossing the busy road safely. There is a picture of a lorry at the beginning of Chapter 3 so something may happen involving a lorry.

How do you think Max was feeling at the beginning of Chapter 3? Why?

- Example answer: Determined, excited or anxious, e.g. He had seen people crossing the road using a zebra crossing at the end of Chapter 2 so he may be very excited as he thinks he is about to find a safe way to cross the road.

On page 17, what words and phrases does the author use to make the lorry seem more frightening?

- Example answers: sheer horror/ great monster/ blind panic.

What happened to Max in Chapter 3? Can you summarise what happened?

- Example answer: Max nearly got run over by a lorry and as he was recovering from that, a cyclist knocked him, by accident, head first into the kerb. When Max returned home, his sentences were in a muddle because he had been bumped on the head.

How do you think he is feeling now? Why?

- Example answers: Confused, bewildered, unsteady, muddled, weary, e.g. Max is feeling bewildered as he has been involved in a nasty accident.

Why did Max get his words in a muddle?

- Example answer: Max got his words in a muddle because he had a bump on the head.

What did Max call himself at the end of Chapter 3? Why did he call himself that?

- Example answer: Max calls himself 'a hodgeheg' because he was jumbling his words and sentences up and couldn't say the correct word, hedgehog.

What did Ma and Pa do to make Max feel better?

- Ma and Pa suggested they would bring him some nice slugs.

What sort of crossing did Max find at the end of Chapter 4?

- At the end of the chapter, Max found a pedestrian crossing.

Deeper Reading

Why do you think the book is called 'The Hodgeheg'?

- Example answer: I think the book is called the 'Hodgeheg' because Max called himself that after he bumped his head.

Can you think of another suitable title for the book?

- Individual answers.

