

Chapter 11:

1. How long has it been since Willie's birthday?
2. What did Tom say Mrs Beech's letter said?
3. Write a definition for the word 'smarmily'.
4. Why do you think Willie expected 'to see the tips of two red horns' emerge out of Zach's head? Explain your answer.
5. 'There was no need for the sheets to be washed that day. They were dry.' What does this tell us? Why is this such a milestone for Willie?

Chapter 12:

6. What three things were the children doing in the lead up to Christmas?
7. How did Willie discover that he was a good actor? What techniques did he use?
8. Who was Rachel and what happened to her?

Chapter 13:

9. What happened when Tom started to play the organ? Why was this?
10. What three carols did they sing?
11. Do you think Tom was shocked that he enjoyed playing the organ again? Why?

Chapter 14:

12. Why weren't some of the children at school?
13. What was Carrie's discussion with Mrs Hartridge?
14. Do you think Willie enjoyed his first day at school? Why? Use evidence from the text.
15. How do you think Willie and Tom felt hearing that Mrs Beech was ill and wanted Willie to come home? Use evidence from the text to explain your answers.