

Comprehension questions

Name:

Date:

1. Which of the children discovers the creature first?

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2. What reasons does Anthea give that the creature cannot be a snake?

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3. Why does Robert not want Cyril to sleep with a snake around his neck?

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4. Why does Anthea try to stop the other children from using the spade to dig?

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5. Anthea *'began to scratch like a dog does when he has suddenly remembered where it was that he buried his bone.'*

What do you think the author is trying to show with this simile?

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6. Read the following line from the extract:

'... suddenly a dry husky voice in the sand made them all jump back, and their hearts jumped nearly as fast as they did.'

What do the words *'their hearts jumped'* tell you about how the children were feeling?

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7. The creature says it is called a 'Sand-fairy' in English. What is its other name?

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8. The Sand-fairy says to the children:

"Why, you talk as if I were nobody in particular."

What do you think it means by this?

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9. What made the Sand-fairy seem *'a shade less disagreeable'*?

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10. Find and copy two words in the sentence below that show that the Sand-fairy is upset:

'It looked so grieved and hurt that Jane hastened to say, "Of course I see you are, now. It's quite plain now one comes to look at you."'

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