



Chapter Comprehension Questions

- Tom's Midnight Garden -

Questions can be completed at the end of each chapter or after every few chapters.
Answers can be written on the sheet or copied into books.

Chapter 1

Why did Tom have to stay with his aunt and uncle?
How many times did the grandfather clock chime at five o'clock?
What didn't Tom like about his room?

Chapter 2

How many hours of sleep did Tom's uncle say he needed?
How many times did Tom hear the clock chime?
What did Tom think he could do with that extra hour?

Chapter 3

What did Tom see when he opened the back door?
Who did Tom see when he stepped back into the hallway?
What object did Tom recognise?

Chapter 4

What did Tom see when he opened the back door the next day?
Who wound up the grandfather clock?
What did the letters B.A.R mean?

Chapter 5

Name two landmarks in the garden?

What did Tom see in the dewy grass?

What happened to the hall when he went back inside?

Chapter 6

What did Tom see when a window opened?

What made Tom feel confident?

What was happening when Tom felt a strange sensation?

Chapter 7

Who was the one person Tom told about everything?

What picture did Tom doodle?

Why didn't Tom want to go home yet?

Chapter 8

What was the name of the eldest brother?

What did Tom think would happen if he kept the door open?

Chapter 9

Why did the brothers shake the tree to get the apples?

Why did Tom think that the dog knew he was there?

Chapter 10

What made Tom think that Hatty could be a princess?

What did Hatty point out to Tom?

What was the name of the bush that could blaze up?

Chapter 11

Why did Tom tell Hatty how to make a bow and arrow?
Who fixed the broken window?
What wasn't Hatty allowed to go near?

Chapter 12

What was rambling in the garden?
How did the boys blame Hatty?
Who was very cruel to Hatty?

Chapter 13

What was sent home to Tom's mother?
Why did Tom have to stay in bed for several days?
What did Tom want to ask Mrs Bartholomew?

Chapter 14

What period of time did Tom think Hatty had lived?

Chapter 15

What did Abel give to Hatty?
What initials did Hatty carve in the trees?
What did Abel make Hatty promise?

Chapter 16

What did Peter want to do?
What was Tom and Hatty building?
How did Hatty fall out of the tree?

Chapter 17

When Tom went into the hall, what surprised him?
Why did Tom look through keyholes?
What did James think Hatty should do?

Chapter 18

What seemed familiar to Tom?
How did Hatty take a bath?
Where was Hatty's secret hiding place?
Where was Tom when he woke up?

Chapter 19

How was Tom going to get home?

Chapter 20

What season was it when Tom went into the garden?
Where did Abel keep his bible?
What was written on the pendulum of the clock?

Chapter 21

When Tom saw Hatty, what was she doing?
What did Hatty have to do with her skates?

Chapter 22

What did Tom find with the skates?
How did Tom make the skates fit better?
Why shouldn't Hatty be going skating?

Chapter 23

Where did they skate?
Where did they skate to?

Chapter 24

What vision did Peter have when he was dreaming?
Where did Peter go?
What were Peter and Tom wearing?

Chapter 25

What was Aunt Gwen shocked about?
What happened when Tom ran out into the garden?

Chapter 26

When Tom went to visit Mrs Bartholomew, who did she say she was?
What did he recognise in the flat?

Chapter 27

What year was the famous great frost?
Who did Hatty marry?
What did Hatty dream about?