



Chapter Comprehension Answers

- 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? **Because his brother had measles.**
How many times did the grandfather clock chime at five o'clock? **Once.**
What didn't Tom like about his room? **There were bars on the window.**

Chapter 2

How many hours of sleep did Tom's uncle say he needed? **Ten**
How many times did Tom hear the clock chime? **Thirteen.**
What did Tom think he could do with that extra hour? **Have an hour of freedom.**

Chapter 3

What did Tom see when he opened the back door? **A large garden.**
Who did Tom see when he stepped back into the hallway? **A maid.**
What object did Tom recognise? **The grandfather clock.**

Chapter 4

What did Tom see when he opened the back door the next day? **A small back yard.**
Who wound up the grandfather clock? **Mrs Bartholomew.**
What did the letters B.A.R mean? **Burn after reading.**

Chapter 5

Name two landmarks in the garden? **A sundial and a tall fir tree.**

What did Tom see in the dewy grass? **Some footprints.**

What happened to the hall when he went back inside? **It reverted to the present day.**

Chapter 6

What did Tom see when a window opened? **A maid shaking a duster.**

What made Tom feel confident? **He knew he was invisible to everyone.**

What was happening when Tom felt a strange sensation?

He was pushing his body through a door.

Chapter 7

Who was the one person Tom told about everything? **His brother, Peter.**

What picture did Tom doodle? **An angel shaped creature with wings.**

Why didn't Tom want to go home yet? **Because he loved exploring the garden.**

Chapter 8

What was the name of the eldest brother? **Hubert.**

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

The house would stay as it used to be.

Chapter 9

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

Because they weren't allowed to pick any apples.

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

Because it looked at him and growled.

Chapter 10

What made Tom think that Hatty could be a princess? **She looked regal.**

What did Hatty point out to Tom? **The best hiding places.**

What was the name of the bush that could blaze up? **The burning bush.**

Chapter 11

Why did Tom tell Hatty how to make a bow and arrow?

Because her cousins wouldn't let her play with them when they had bows and arrows.

Who fixed the broken window? Abel.

What wasn't Hatty allowed to go near? The river.

Chapter 12

What was rambling in the garden? Geese.

How did the boys blame Hatty? They said she made the tunnel in the hedge.

Who was very cruel to Hatty? Her aunt.

Chapter 13

What was sent home to Tom's mother? A telegram.

Why did Tom have to stay in bed for several days? Because he had a cold.

What did Tom want to ask Mrs Bartholomew? About the history of the house.

Chapter 14

What period of time did Tom think Hatty had lived? The reign of Queen Victoria.

Chapter 15

What did Abel give to Hatty? A small penknife.

What initials did Hatty carve in the trees? H.M.

What did Abel make Hatty promise? Never to walk along the tall wall.

Chapter 16

What did Peter want to do? Stay with his aunt and uncle, and Tom.

What was Tom and Hatty building? A tree-house.

How did Hatty fall out of the tree? A branch broke.

Chapter 17

When Tom went into the hall, what surprised him? **The furniture remained in place.**

Why did Tom look through keyholes? **To find Hatty.**

What did James think Hatty should do? **Go out more and socialise.**

Chapter 18

What seemed familiar to Tom? **The bars on the windows.**

How did Hatty take a bath? **A tin bath was put in front of the fire.**

Where was Hatty's secret hiding place? **Under the floorboards in a cupboard.**

Where was Tom when he woke up? **He was back in his room in the flat.**

Chapter 19

How was Tom going to get home? **On the train.**

Chapter 20

What season was it when Tom went into the garden? **Winter.**

Where did Abel keep his bible? **In the heating house.**

What was written on the pendulum of the clock? **Time No Longer.**

Chapter 21

When Tom saw Hatty, what was she doing? **Skating.**

What did Hatty have to do with her skates? **Put them in the secret hiding place.**

Chapter 22

What did Tom find with the skates? **A note.**

How did Tom make the skates fit better? **He put on two pairs of socks.**

Why shouldn't Hatty be going skating? **Because it wasn't ladylike.**

Chapter 23

Where did they skate? **On the river.**

Where did they skate to? **Ely.**

Chapter 24

What vision did Peter have when he was dreaming? **A tall tower.**

Where did Peter go? **To the tower to stand next to Tom.**

What were Peter and Tom wearing? **Identical pyjamas.**

Chapter 25

What was Aunt Gwen shocked about?

She saw Tom's slippers wedging the back door open.

What happened when Tom ran out into the garden? **He crashed into a fence.**

Chapter 26

When Tom went to visit Mrs Bartholomew, who did she say she was? **Hatty.**

What did he recognise in the flat? **The barometer.**

Chapter 27

What year was the famous great frost? **1895.**

Who did Hatty marry? **Barty.**

What did Hatty dream about? **Her wedding day and moving to the Fens.**