

Stig of the Dump
Chapter Six – Comprehension

Section A

1. What time of year does this part of the story take place in?

2. Granny and Lou left Barney at the start of the chapter to go where?

3. What was Stig doing when Barney found him in the cave?

4. What did Barney hit with his first arrow?

5. Why do you think the men told Barney they were there to fix the television?

6. What did Barney do to try to prevent the thieves from getting away?

7. What did Stig do to the car after it had fallen into the pit?

Section B

8. What did Barney want Stig to do when he first found him?

9. Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the word ‘companion’.

10. Why did the men run away when they saw Stig?

11. What things did Barney find in the men’s suitcase?

12. Do you think it was a good idea to take the men’s car? Explain your answer.

13. Why did Barney ‘hold his middle’ when the car fell into the pit?

Section C

14. What does the word ‘clung’ tell you about the way Barney was holding on to the branch on page 122?

15. What simile does the author use to describe the baby chicks in the tree?

16. What does the word ‘plunged’ tell you about how Barney moved through the copse?

17. One of the men describes Barney as ‘plucky’. What does that word mean in this context?

18. Why was Stig so intrigued by the man’s coat?

19. Why did Stig and Barney throw things over the top of the motor car?

20. How did Barney cheer Stig up after taking his ‘treasure’ away?

Section D

21. What does the author mean by the phrase ‘the trees still showed their bones’?

22. What does Barney mean when he says that the two men were not ‘country people’?

23. Do you think Barney was naïve to tell the two men about Granny’s silver and jewels? Explain your answer.

24. Granny’s house is in an isolated location. What evidence is there to support this?

25. What does the word ‘alleged’ tell the reader about what the policeman thinks of the crime?

26. Why did Barney get so upset when the policeman questioned whether Stig was real?

27. What made the policeman start to believe Barney’s story?

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Section A

Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following words from the text. Remember to use the first three letters of the word to locate the word.

bright	
favourite	
foolish	
gloomy	
hopeless	
precious	
proud	
terrible	

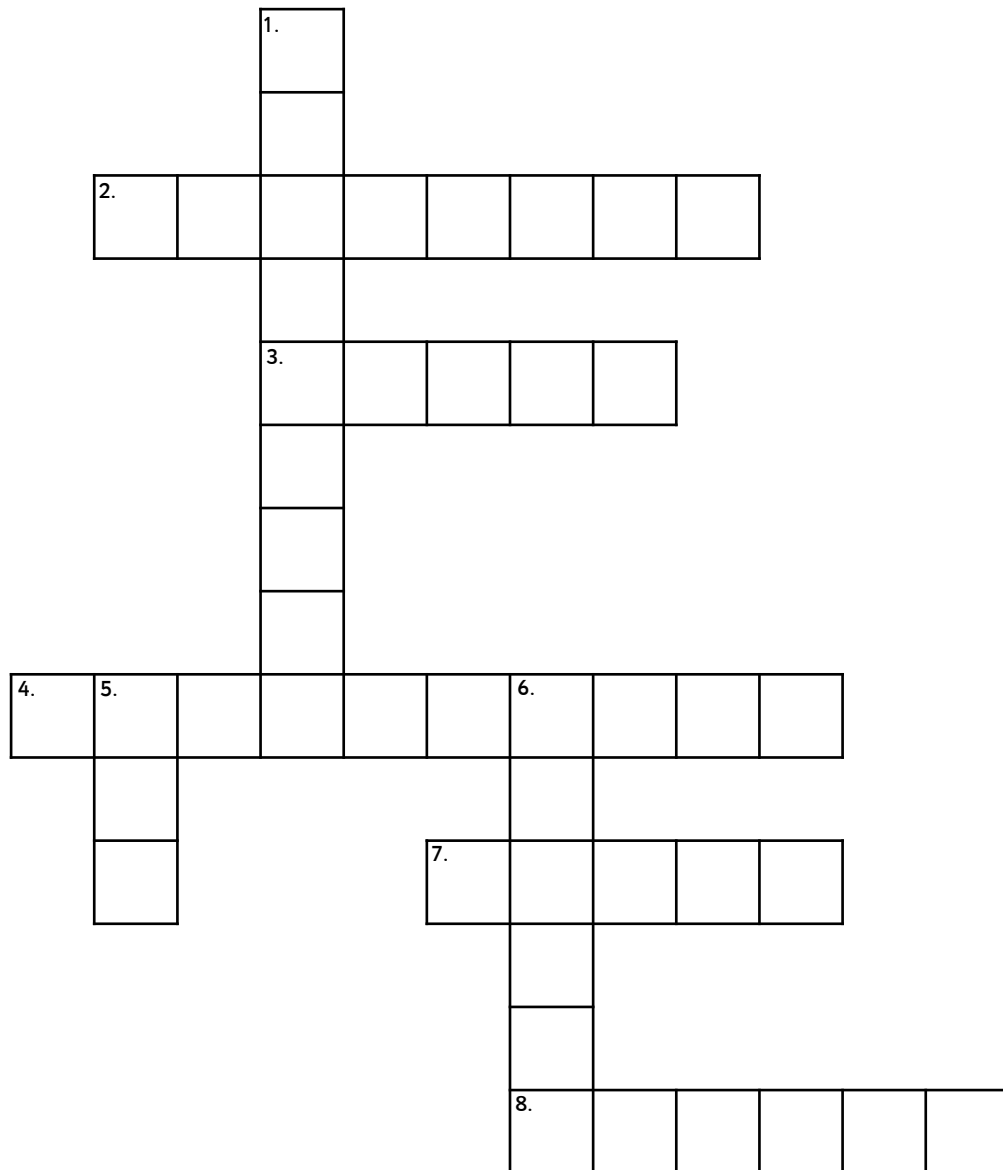
Section B

Imagine you are the policeman in the story and have discovered the contents of Stig’s den. What questions would you ask Barney about the crime and the discovery of the stolen items?

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Section C

Complete the crossword below using the clues given. All of the answers to the clues can be found in Chapter Six.



1. Barney released this and caused the car to fall into the pit.
2. Barney was upset because the thieves stole this item belonging to him.
3. The colour of the car Barney saw from the tree.
4. The men told Barney they were there to fix this item.
5. The type of tree barney climbed.
6. The time of year this part of the story takes place in.
7. Barney shot one of these through the man's hat.
8. Barney was staying at this person's house.

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Section D

Explain what you think each character is thinking when the following events occur in this chapter. Think about the way the two perspectives are different.

When the thief broke Stig's arrow.

Stig

Thieves

When the thieves tell Barney they are there to fix the television.

Barney

Thieves

When the car falls to the bottom of the pit.

Barney

Stig

When Barney tells Granny why the spoons were missing.

Barney

Granny

When Barney told the policeman about Stig

Policeman

Barney

When the stolen goods are discovered in Stig's den.

Barney

Policeman