

Stig of the Dump
Chapter Two – Comprehension

Section A

1. Why didn't Barney want to go to Sevenoaks with his grandmother?

2. Why do you think the hole in the roof of Stig's den was not there the next morning?

3. What gifts does Barney collect to give to Stig?

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

5. How would you react if Barney brought Stig to lunch?

6. What items was Granny throwing out that Barney thought would be useful for Stig's den?

7. What gift did Stig give to Barney at the end of the chapter?

Section B

8. How did Barney check that his visit to Stig was real?

9. What animal did Barney see that at first he thought was ‘a clump of brown grass’?

10. What simile is used to describe the tree that leans over the pit?

11. Stig was unhappy when he was first disturbed. How did his reaction change when he realised it was Barney?

12. How did Barney think Stig’s den could be improved?

13. Why didn’t Barney invite Stig to lunch?

14. Barney and Stig make a good team. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

Section C

15. Why do you think Barney and his sister are at their grandmother’s house?

16. Why did Barney doubt that Stig was real?

17. How do you think Barney felt when he couldn’t see the hole he had made on the previous day?

18. What do you think the author means when he says the blackbird was making a noise that was ‘too big for itself’?

19. What does Stig’s reaction to the nettle stings tell the reader about his character?

20. Why do you think Barney chose not to make a fuss when he gets stung by the nettles?

21. What evidence is there to suggest that Barney is beginning to be resourceful like Stig?

22. Stig is a barbarian. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

Section D

23. Do you think Lou is Barney’s older or younger sister? Explain your answer.

24. What does the description ‘black diamond’ tell us about the way Barney felt about the flint Stig gave to him?

25. What does Barney mean when he says Stig wasn’t the sort of person to leave a hole in his roof?

26. Why do you think Barney expected Stig to take the apple in his teeth?

27. Why did Barney think that Stig put the piles of white chalk far away from his den?

28. Barney thought to himself that ‘Stig had brains’. Why do you think he said this?

29. Barney said he wouldn’t be back until Christmas. Do you think Stig will still be there at Christmas? Explain your answer.

30. Stig can't understand Barney when he speaks to him. How do Barney and Stig manage to communicate with each other?

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Section A

Here are six objects mentioned in this part of the story. How do Barney and Stig use each object in this chapter?

Object	How is it being used in this chapter?
A broken cast-iron shoe-scraper	
A small tin baby bath	
The brush from the end of a vacuum cleaner	
A broad-brimmed lady's straw hat	
Empty tin cans	
Empty jam jars	

Section B

Create a short diary entry for Barney explaining what he did with Stig on that day.

Dear Diary,

Today I visited Stig again: we had so much fun. First of all...

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Section C

Highlight the words you associate with each character. Use a dictionary to find the definitions if needed.

Barney

mature	moody	generous	angry	crafty
lonely	naïve	shy	trusting	scary
intelligent	resourceful	untruthful	fearful	curious
adventurous	wary	confident	skilled	sensitive
kind	bad-tempered	anxious	boring	cheerful

Stig

content	logical	giving	miserable	sly
solitary	sophisticated	quiet	trusting	scary
clever	skilled	timid	fearful	curious
daring	cautious	assured	resourceful	sensitive
caring	grumpy	anxious	stupid	upset

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Section D

Read the following statements. Decide whether you agree or disagree with each one and give a brief explanation of how you came to that answer.

Stig is not real: Barney imagines him.

Stig has no family or friends.

Stig enjoys living in this way.

Stig is extremely intelligent.

Stig is the perfect type of friend for Barney.

Stig is a cave man from the Stone Age.