

Questions about 'The Robin Who Showed The Way'

Section 1 - RECALL

1. What did the robin do to show off?

sang (a loud, lovely trill)

2. What plant was covering the door?

ivy

3. How long did Mary think the door had been closed?

10 years

Section 2 - VOCABULARY

1. '...sprays of untrimmed ivy ...'

What does the word *untrimmed* mean?

This means that the ivy has not been cut.

2. Do you think that Mary likes the robin?

Find and copy two words from the text that show this.

adorably

and

lovely (in any order)

3. 'What was this under her hands which was square and made of iron and which her fingers found a hole in?'

What effect does ending this paragraph with a question have on the reader?

Answers should refer to the fact that it encourages the reader to question themselves what Mary had found.

The question makes readers wonder what the square object is. It encourages the reader to continue reading to find out.

Section 3 - INFERENCE

1. Do you think the robin knew the way to the door? Circle one.

YES

NO

Why do you think this?

I think he knew the way because Mary said that he had shown her where a key was. He flew off when Mary asked him where the door was and sat on the wall by it, showing Mary where to go.

2. Why do you think Mary followed the robin, stepping closer to him?

Because she knew the robin would show her the way.

3. How do you think Mary is feeling as she pushed the ivy leaves aside.

Use words or phrases from the text to explain your answer.

Answers referring to Mary being excited or nervous with quotes from the text should be accepted.

I think that she was excited because she was hoping to find a door for her key. In the story it says her heart was thumping, which is what happens when people are excited.

Mary might have been nervous because she did not know what she would find behind the ivy. Her heart was thumping and hands were shaking which are signs that she might have been nervous.

4. How do we know that Mary was expecting to find the door?

Mary had the key in her pocket ready, so she was obviously out looking for the door with the robin, hoping to find it.

Section 4 - SEQUENCING AND PREDICTING

1. Number the events from 1–4 below to show the order that they happened.

- 1** The robin flew to the top of a wall.
- 4** Mary took out the key.
- 3** Mary discovered a round knob.
- 2** A gust of wind rushed down the walk.

2. What do you think Mary might discover behind the door?

Answers linked to what children have read so far are accepted
e.g: finding a garden; the robin's family; a new house.