



Cogheart by Peter Bunzl – Session Five - **Answers**
Read Chapter 8 & 9

Word analysis

1. On page 109, the thin man **thrusts** his cane into the umbrella stand. What does this tell you about how he did it? **He put his cane in aggressively.**
2. On page 112 the canary is described as being an **unrepairable mess**. Which phrase best describes Mrs Chivers' mechanical bird? **b) unfixable jumble**
 - a) has lost all its feathers
 - c) would be difficult to mend
 - b) unfixable jumble
 - d) upset and dangerous
3. Look at the paragraph that starts, after a while there was a low sound... on page 114. What word has the same meaning as the word **echoed**? **reverberated**
4. On page 117, the fox is described as lapsing in silent **contemplation**. What word is the best antonym for contemplation? **forget**
 - a) forget
 - c) search
 - b) sleep
 - d) chase
5. On page 123, in the paragraph that starts, 'As you prefer,'... Which word is a synonym for lopsided? **unevenly**
6. At the end on the same page, Madame Verdigris tells Lily that she is no longer **a young lady of means**. What does this phrase mean? **well off or rich**

Fact retrieval

1. What time was it when Robert lit the lamp because the light was fading on page 109 **4pm**
2. The thin man has entered the clockmaker's shop, what stopped Robert from hearing him? (page 109) **the chime of the clocks**
3. On page 113, what reason does Robert give his father to explain the destroyed mechanical canary? **he'd dropped the thing**
4. What reason does Malkin give Robert on page 117 that explains why he has been so grumpy and rude? **this injury's given me the jitters**

5. On page 121, why were the mechanicals gradually disappearing?
they are hidden under the frosty white surface- it is snowing
6. On page 124, Madame explains a mistake that Mrs Rust made. What did she do?
poured engine oil in her soup instead of cream

Inference

1. When on page 109, Mr Roach enters the clockmaker's shop, why do you think his colleague, Mr Mould stays outside? He is making sure Mr Roach and Robert are not disturbed, that no one else is around.
2. How is Robert feeling when he swallows the prickly dryness at the back of his throat on page 112? Robert is frightened of Mr Roach and what he will do to Robert if he finds out he has lied to him about Malkin the mechanical fox.
3. Does the mechanical fox react in the way Robert expects when he winds him up on pages 114 & 115? Use evidence from the text to explain why. Malkin growls whereas Robert flashes him a smile. Robert expects he will be grateful or at least pleased that he and his father have brought him back to 'life'.
4. Malkin is unsure of the message that John has asked him to give Lily. Can you explain the difference in meaning between the two messages on page 119? The secret is in the safe will tell Lily exactly where to find it – safe is used as a noun. This secret is safe tells Lily the secret has not yet been found but not where it is. Safe is used as an adjective.
5. On Page 124, Madame Verdigris describes Mrs Rust pouring oil into her soup? Do you believe her? Why? Yes- Mrs Rust is more than a simple mechanical and it capable of disliking Madame Verdigris and wanting to poison her. No- Madame Verdigris is lying to make Lily believe Mrs Rust is dangerous. In the story we heard, no mech is capable of harming a human.
6. What do you think is in the polished rosewood box on page 127? Why do you think this? Something very precious – the box is polished and the wood sounds rare and maybe expensive. Her father says it is an invention to keep secret. Maybe the way to make mechanicals just like humans.