

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl – Session Four
Read Chapter 6 & 7



Word analysis

1. At the beginning of chapter 6, when Robert looks at the fox's injury he sees the '...parts had **fused** together in a lump.' What does the word fused mean here? **joined**
2. On page 85, Roberts da says if there aren't enough cogs and springs, they can **filch** them from other clocks. Which word has the closest meaning to filch? **steal**
 - a) steal
 - b) open
 - c) digest
 - d) upside-down
3. On page 89, Thaddeus ruffles his son's hair with a **calloused** hand. What does this mean and why are his hands calloused? **an area of hardened skin because he works with his hands all the time**
4. On page 93, what word is used to describe how Mr Wingnut and Miss Tock will have their metal bodies destroyed? **corrode**
5. What phrase does Professor Silverfish (page 98) use to describe when Lily requires him most? **your hour of need**
6. On page 103, Mr Sunder polishes his glasses **vigorously**. What does the word vigorously mean? **with strength, effort or energy**

Fact retrieval

1. On page 83, Thaddeus suggest two reasons why Lily's father might have sent her to boarding school. What are they? **because he was overprotective, because her mother had died**
2. What does Thaddeus say on page 84 is needed to win great battles? **a brave heart**
3. On page 86 what does Robert fear? **doing something clumsy**
4. What signal does Madame Verdigris give on page 99 to indicate they are ready to discuss with the lawyer what will happen to Lily? **a discreet cough**
5. What are mechanicals not allowed to be in charge of according to Mr Sunder the lawyer on page 102? **a steam vehicle, an airship or indeed a child**
6. Where does Professor Silverfish live? **9 Riverside Walk, Chelsea**

Inference

1. In what ways do we find on page 83 that Lily and Robert's upbringing are similar? Can you give two ways with examples? **Both had grown up without a Mother, Lily's had died and Robert's Ma had gone off somewhere. Both families had secrets of some kind. Thaddeus says Lily's father is overprotective and yet he won't tell Robert what happened to his own Mother.**
2. On page 88 Robert's eyes widen after his Father tells him what he did at Brackenbridge Manor. How does Robert feel about what he has just heard? **Robert is surprised and impressed that he father had helped fix mechanicals and Brackenbridge. He is also disappointed that his father did not tell him.**
3. What does the fact that Robert and his father work till 3am mending the fox, mean about how they feel? **They are set on getting it finished because they are intrigued by the fox and how he arrived at the shop. Thaddeus might be interested in the complexities of the mechanical fox. They know the fox has a letter for Lily, they think it must be important**
4. What does Lily mean on page 95 when she says about Mrs Rust and Madame Verdigris 'if you had to guess which of the two had feelings, Lily knew who she'd choose.' **Mrs Rust had empathy with Lily's situation, she was warm-hearted and understanding. Madame Verdigris was non of these things**
5. What clues can you give that show Lily is pleased to see her godfather, Professor Silverfish? Pages 97-98 **when she first saw his she broke into a broad smile, she looks horrified when she sees his metal heart and finds out that he has been unwell.**
6. On page 100, Mr Sunder gives an embarrassed cough. Can you explain why he might feel this way using evidence from the text? **he is embarrassed that Madame Verdigris is rushing him, he cannot do his job properly and she is being insensitive to Lily's pain.**