

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl – Session Three
Read Chapter 4 & 5



Word analysis

1. Why are Lily's arms **goose-fleshed** on page 48?
2. On page 51, whilst Lily waits she wonders if they are in the office thinking of a new **chastisement** for her. Which word has the same meaning as chastisement?
a) homework c) name
b) exciting story d) punishment
3. Miss Scrimshaw's office is described as **expansive** (page 53). What does this word tell you about the room?
4. When Lily and Madame Verdigris go to catch the airship, Lily's legs were **buckling** and her case felt heavy (page 58). What does the word buckling mean? Why does she feel like this?
5. On page 61, the mechanical porter **doffs** his hat at Lily. What does the word doff mean?
6. Lily is watching the man in her airship carriage on page 65. What word is used to describe that Lily is disgusted by the man?
7. On page 71, what word is used to describe Lily's untidy hair after she has fallen asleep?

Fact retrieval

1. What does Lily use to help her hear more clearly what is being discussed in the office on page 52?
2. What two things about Madame Verdigris, remind Lily of when her mother died on page 53?
3. What is the slogan of the Royal Dirigible Company? (page 57)
4. Where was the porter's brass plate? How is this linked to Lily? (pages 59 & 60)
5. On page 65, what word is used to describe the thin man who is half human half machine?
6. What two things on page 67 does Lily do to check if the man in her carriage is asleep?
7. How does Lily know Mr Roaches sweets have been in his pocket for weeks? (page 69)

Inference

1. At the start of Chapter 4, Lily thinks that no matter how hard her life gets, mechanicals had it worse. What happened to make her think this?
2. When Mrs McKraken opens the office door on page 52, her eyes bulge but then she smiles. Why do her eyes bulge and then why does she behave in the unusual way of a sympathetic smile?
3. Why does Madame Verdigris on page 56, suggest that they give Lily's clothes away to the poorhouse?
4. On page 58, Madame Verdigris says commuter zeps are most safe way to travel, not like private airships. Why do these words mean she has overstepped the mark?
5. Why, on page 68, does Lily grind her teeth, when Madame Verdigris introduces her as Lily Hartman to Mr Roach?
6. How does Madame Verdigris act when Lily asks her how Mr Roach knew her first name? Why do you think she acts this way?

Deep thought

Mrs Rust loves using exciting exclamations with a mechanical feel, such as “Cog-wheels and coat hangers!” and “Stopwatches and spinning tops!” Can you find any others in Chapter 5? Can you think of any of your own using mechanical parts?

