

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl – Session Two

Read Chapter 2 & 3



Word analysis

1. On page 27 it says that the hulking engines of the airship chugged in **unison**. What does the word unison mean in this sentence?
  - a) making a deep noise
  - b) together
  - c) separately
  - d) aggressively
2. He **skirted** around a deep gully filled with rainwater (page 29). What does the word skirted mean?
3. On page 31, find the paragraph that starts 'He jumped a trickling stream...' Which word has the same meaning as next and joined to?
4. What word on page 34 tells us that Malkin is unable to walk well?
5. On page 36, Robert recognises the airship as a **military** model. What does the word military mean?
6. What does the man have sewn into the raw sockets of his eyes on page 40?
7. What two adjectives are used to describe the clock that Robert over winds on page 44?
8. What word or phrase is used to describe how an animal has opened the shed door on page 46?

Fact retrieval

1. Why does Malkin curse the damp, boggy ground on page 28?
2. How many men does Malkin think there are following him on page 29? Why does he think this?
3. What makes Malkin feel queasy at the bottom of page 29?
4. What are the advantages of walking on field described at the top of page 32?
5. What are the disadvantages of walking on this same field?
6. What wakes Robert from his sleep at the beginning of chapter 3?
7. On page 36 we learn that Robert is very interested in airships. Can you find two pieces of evidence in the text to prove this?

## Inference

1. On page 29 the men are described as descending from the airship like a **swarm**. What does this tell us?
2. Why does Malkin say the phrase '**thank tock**' at the beginning of page 30? What do you think it means?
3. Would you describe Robert as adventurous? Can you use evidence from chapter 3 to back up your opinion?
4. Why is Robert surprised that the fox seemed to be reading the sign for his da's shop on page 37. What do we know as readers that explains this?
5. What evidence is there on page 38 that Robert loves the clock shop?
6. Robert finds a cog on page 38 that tells him the fox was clockwork. What else can you imply about the fox from the cog?
7. What does it mean when the text explains Thaddeus '**took on work for cost**'? What might this tell us about the kind of man he is?

## Deep thought

We find out in the last chapter that Robert's father, Thaddeus, is a horologist. His son, Robert, wishes he would fix other mechanisms such as airships or mechanicals. If you were Thaddeus what would you like to be asked to fix? Be as imaginative as you like? Can you explain why you as Thaddeus would be so excited by this new project?

