

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl – Session Two [Answers](#)

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? **together**
 - 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? **to go around the edge of**
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? **adjoining**
4. What word on page 34 tells us that Malkin is unable to walk well? **hobbling**
5. On page 36, Robert recognises the airship as a **military** model. What does the word military mean? **relating to soldiers or armed forces**
6. What does the man have sewn into the raw sockets of his eyes on page 40? **silver mirrors**
7. What two adjectives are used to describe the clock that Robert over winds on page 44? **valuable, carriage**
8. What word or phrase is used to describe how an animal has opened the shed door on page 46? **gnawed with toothmarks**

Fact retrieval

1. Why does Malkin curse the damp, boggy ground on page 28? **he was leaving paw prints that could be easily tracked**
2. How many men does Malkin think there are following him on page 29? Why does he think this? **at least 5, he could see three lamps but he knew there would be another leading the dog and others carrying weapons**
3. What makes Malkin feel queasy at the bottom of page 29? **The thought that John had been burnt to death in the airship**

4. What are the advantages of walking on field described at the top of page 32? **frosted topsoil would leave no poor prints, fog would hide him**
5. What are the disadvantages of walking on this same field? **he could easily be seen on the open ground**
6. What wakes Robert from his sleep at the beginning of chapter 3? **a noise outside disturbed him**
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? **he knew every flight schedule by heart, whenever he wasn't working he visited the local air station, one day he'd vowed to go up there.**

Inference

1. On page 29 the men are described as descending from the airship like a **swarm**. What does this tell us? **there were lots of them because a swarm is a large, dense group**
2. Why does Malkin say the phrase '**thank tock**' at the beginning of page 30? What do you think it means? **he says it to express his relief, a human might say thank goodness but he says thank tock because he is mechanised.**
3. Would you describe Robert as adventurous? Can you use evidence from chapter 3 to back up your opinion? **Yes, when he hears a noise outside he goes out to investigate, also even though the 4 men have a vicious mechdog and rifles, Robert still lies to protect the fox. No, although he wants to go up in an airship, he is scared of heights.**
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? **A fox is an animal and real animals cannot read. They find their way with scents and tracks not by reading signs. We know that Malkin is mechanical and he is on a mission to find Lily in this village.**
5. What evidence is there on page 38 that Robert loves the clock shop? **The shape and sound of each clock felt as comforting as old friends.**
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? **The cog was misshapen and covered with warm engine oil which tells us that the fox is injured and the oil is like the blood. As it is warm, the fox cannot be too far ahead.**
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? **This means that Thaddeus does not make any money, the payment is only for parts. This might show how generous Thaddeus is, that he is rich and doesn't need the money or that he just loves mending the mechanical objects.**