

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl – Session One
Read Prologue and Chapter 1 - **Answers**

Word analysis

1. On page 7, it says,
Just then, *Dragonfly's* rudder shifted, and she **pitched**...
What does the word pitched mean? **Up and down movement in the air**
2. On page 10 it tells us that the escape pod left the airship. It says
As John watched it through the open hatch, **shrinking** away in the sky...
Why is the pod shrinking? **The pod is shrinking as it moves away into the distance. It looks smaller because of perspective**
3. Chapter 1 starts by telling us that Lily **trudged** along at the back of a line of girls.
What does the word trudged tell us about how Lily feels? **Trudging means to walk slowly and with heavy steps, Lily walks like this because she doesn't want to be in deportment class with these girls, she would rather be reading her penny dreadful**
4. Page 12 tells us The Kraken is **obsessed** with posture.
Which phrase is closest in meaning to the word obsessed?
a) liked a lot c) always on their mind **c) always on their mind**
b) completely hated d) couldn't care less
5. On page 15 the Kraken uses a word to describe Lily's penny dreadfuls which means she thinks they are nonsense. What is the word? **bunkum**
6. On page 23 Lily wants to hit Lucretia. What does it mean when it says, she **ground her teeth**? **Lily clenches her teeth together because she is so angry with Lucretia it is as if she is trying to contain herself and hold her words in.**

Fact retrieval

1. Why does Malkin let out a bark of alarm? (page 8) **As the stench of burning gas filled the flight deck.**
2. What does John stuff into the leather pouch around Malkin's neck? (page 9) **a battered envelope**
3. Why does John put a key on a chain and hang it around Malkin's neck? (page 9) **so that someone will be able to wind Malkin when John is not there**
4. In Lily's penny dreadful where did Varney capture the heroine? (page 11) **in the disused attic of an Italian boarding school**
5. What causes Lily to trip and step on Gemma's foot? (page 13) **Lily tripped on her untied shoelace after the Kraken had shouted stop**

6. What happened that meant Lily was sent to Miss Scrimshaw's Academy? (page 17) *Lily's father had chosen to send her after she had frustrated a number of governesses*
7. What does the school motto *Vincit Omnia Veritas*, mean? (page 24) *truth conquers all*
8. Why is the stool in the coal bunker precarious? (page 26) *it was wonky because it has one rotten leg*

Inference

1. In what ways does the author make the silver airship seem dangerous? Give at least 2 examples from the text on pages 7 & 8. *it has sharp metal spikes stuck out from her hull, it fires a harpoon*
2. What do we find out about John's personality on page 9? Give at least 2 features of his character with evidence from the text. *He is brave, he stays in the ship to try and guide it down safely, He loves his daughter Lily, he asks Malkin to tell her, He is secretive, he wants Lily not to tell anyone.*
3. What do you think the thin figure did to John at the end of the prologue? *He knocked John out because he feels pain and then everything goes black as if he is unconscious.*
4. How are the girls in Lily's deportment class made to seem different from Lily? Give examples from the text on pages 12 & 13. *The girls all have many books balanced on their heads in deportment, Lily can only just about manage 1. Lily is the only one who is reading, Lily thinks it because they can't do two things as one. The other girls have fancy hairstyles.*
5. Do you think Lily's Pa would like Miss Scrimshaw's Academy? Explain why using evidence from the text. *Lily's Pa would not like it because he sends the penny dreadfuls to Lily and he believes you should read a lot wider than deportment manuals to get an exceptional education, he would think many of the lessons at Miss Scrimshaw's pointless.*
6. How can you tell from Lily's conversation with Molly the mechanical maid, that Lily cares about mechanicals more than the other girls do? Give examples from pages 20 – 22. *Lily helps Molly with how to cover up the dyed sheets and helps her put them on. She also hands her a handkerchief when she is crying. Lily offers to write to the school board when Molly thinks she will be melted down. Lucretia grabs the sheets and throws them on the floor and calls her stupid. Lily calls Molly a friend and Lucretia laughs saying mechs aren't living.*
7. How does the author make the coal bunker seem an unpleasant place? Look at page 26 for examples. *It is dark, the coal is icy, something unknown crawls across her ankle and she hears faint scuttlings that could be earwigs, spiders, mice or rats. She sees a dismembered arm.*