

Reading – Who Let the Gods Out? Chapter 2.

You can listen to this chapter being read -

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Task 1

Page 9

1. How does the author gain sympathy for Elliot in the first paragraph of chapter two?
2. Does Elliot live close to his school?

Page 10

3. What is meant by the term 'stars assembled above'?
4. What is the author comparing the group of girls to on page 10?
5. Why were the group of girls giggling at Elliot?
6. How does the author create an air of mystery in the book? The author keeps talking about some kind of secret that the reader does not know yet. It says that parents would ask too many questions and that Elliot is arriving at school tired all the time.

Task 2

Page 11

1. What adjectives are used in the clause 'the mysterious stones looked magical in the glistening light...'?
2. What does the author compare the house to?
3. What does Elliot think about Mrs Porshley-Plum?

Page 12

4. Why does Elliot keep making up illnesses that his mother has?

Page 13

5. What was it that Mrs Porshley-Plum wanted to talk to Josie about?
6. Why did Josie call Mrs Porshley-Plum 'Patricia Horse's-Bum'?

Task 3

Page 14

1. Why does Elliot say 'Mrs Horse's...Mrs Porshley-Plum'?
2. When Patricia falls over, the author describes it as 'like a newborn foal on roller skates'. Why has the author done this?

3. Why does Elliot have a fear of dread when he can't find his mother?

Task 4

Look at the whole chapter.

1. Look at page 9. The author uses the word 'hopped'. What other word could the author have used instead?
2. Look at page 9. Look at the paragraph beginning...
'The stroll back to the Home Farm'

Why was Elliot content to wander through the fields? When wasn't he content to walk back home?

3. Look at page 10. What impression does the author give about the Brysmore girls? *Use evidence from the text to support your answer.*
4. Find and copy one word that tells us that the windows are grubby.
5. Look at page 12. Why was Elliot thinking of imaginary illnesses for his mother?
6. Look at page 13 and 14. Read these statements. Tick whether they are true or false.

Statement	True	False
Elliot smiled at the memory of his mum's rude suggestion.		
Patricia calls Elliot's mum 'Mumsy'		
Elliot did not offer any help.		
Elliot dropped his school bag next to the pile of post on the mat.		

Task 5

Make your prediction. What is going to happen in chapter 3?

Now listen to Chapter 3 - were your predictions correct?

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