

Questions about 'The Robin'

Section I - RECALL

1. What colour was the bird's chest?

red

2. What was the bird looking for when he 'pecked the earth'. Find two things.

a) seeds

b) insects

3. Who was friends with the robin?

the gardener

4. Match which words or phrases are used to describe parts of the bird. One has been done for you.

chest	—	red
beak	—	like black dewdrops
legs	—	slender
body	—	plump
eyes	—	delicate

Section 2 - Vocabulary

5. Find and copy a word that means laughed.

chuckled

6. The word delicate is used to describe the bird's beak.

What does this tell us about his beak?

Answers must refer to the fact that the beak must be fragile / could easily break.

It tells us that the beak might be very fragile.

It might break if you touched it.

7. '...they are the friendliest most curious birds alive.'

What does the word curious tell us about robin redbreasts?

Tick one.

they are friendly

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flying in the sky

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they want to find things out

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not scared

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Section 3 - Inference

8. Why do you think the gardener asked where the robin had been?

He might not have seen the robin for a while.

9. 'Mary asked the gardener in almost a whisper.'
Why do you think Mary was whispering?

Because she did not want to scare the bird.

OR

The bird might fly away if she spoke too loud.

10. Can you explain why the gardener looked at the Robin fondly?

Answers should refer to the fact that the gardener is friends with the birds and likes him/ cares about him.

He looks at him fondly because he is his friend.

The gardener really cares about the bird, and you might look fondly at things you really care about.

Section 4 - Sequencing and Predicting

11. Number these to show the order that they happened.

Use the numbers 1 – 3.

- 1

 The bird came out of the nest from the other garden.
- 3

 The bird and the gardener became friends.
- 2

 The bird was too weak to fly back.

12. Do you think that the gardener and Mary will see the robin again? Circle one.

YES

NO

13. What makes you think this?

Answers should refer to the fact that the gardener and the robin are friends and that you see friends often, or that the bird comes when the gardener calls him.

The bird is friends with the gardener and so the bird will come back to see him again and Mary might be there too.

The bird comes when the gardener calls him, so he can call him when Mary comes to visit him again.