

Stig of the Dump  
Chapter Four – Comprehension

Section A

1. What item did Barney retrieve from the broom cupboard at Granny's house?

2. What objects did Stig take with him on the hunt?

3. What creature did Stig shoot with his flint-tipped arrow?

4. What do you think Stig intended to do with the pheasant?

5. Why did Barney and Stig hide from the hunters?

6. Why do you think the hound was surprised when Stig bared his teeth and growled at it?

7. Why do you think Stig was going to shoot the horse?

8. Lou thought she had seen an odd creature coming out of the wood: who or what do you think this was?

**Section B**

9. Lou is described as ‘smug’ when she finds out she is going on the hunt. Use a dictionary to find the definition for the word ‘smug’.
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10. Why was Barney glad to see there was a wisp of smoke coming from the pit when he arrived?
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11. Why was Stig alarmed when he first saw Barney?
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12. How does Barney try to explain hunting to Stig?
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13. Do you think that hunting foxes in this way is cruel? Explain your answer.
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14. Why was Barney angry when Stig let the fox go?
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15. What does Barney see Stig doing that makes him say, ‘Oh, no, no, no, no, no!’?
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16. During the hunt, what did Lou see that surprised her’?
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**Section C**

17. What does the word ‘charred’ tell us about the stick Barney used to draw with?

18. Why did Stig move more quickly down the woodland track than Barney?

19. Stig made it clear he thought it was wrong to kill something you couldn’t eat. Do you agree with Stig? Explain your answer.

20. In the second half of this chapter, how does the perspective or view point change?

21. How does Stig’s view of hunting compare to the modern day version?

22. What does the author mean by the word ‘commotion’?

23. Which verbs are used to describe the intense nature of the stampede?

**Section D**

25. The author describes the grey clouds as ‘weeping’: what technique is being used here?

26. What does the word ‘gorging’ tell us about the way the pigeons were eating the acorns?

27. ‘Flitting from thicket to thicket’: what does this phrase tell us about the way Stig was moving through the undergrowth?

28. How does the way Stig behaves towards the hunters differ from the way he behaves towards the fox?

29. How does the author use personification to describe the sound the wind made?

30. Why didn’t Lou say anything when Barney told her about hunting with Stig?

31. What questions would you like to ask Barney at this point in the story?

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Section A

These words are from the text. Highlight the verbs.

offered	wooden	whaler	hissed
walked	insisted	nodded	distant
contentedly	gave	writing	picked
turned	bolted	nearer	fierce
silence	weather	scratched	girdle

Section B

Fill in the missing words from these sentences using the word bank below.

- a. A \_\_\_\_\_ offered to take Lou fox-hunting.
- b. Grandmother was not sure about letting her go but Lou \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Barney did not want to go because he wanted to go hunting with \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Barney found the \_\_\_\_\_ in cupboard with the mops and brooms.
- e. Barney and Stig went hunting in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Stig tried to shoot a \_\_\_\_\_ with his bow.
- g. Stig did not want to kill the \_\_\_\_\_ because he thought it tasted bad.
- h. Stig scared the hunting hound away by baring his teeth and \_\_\_\_\_ at it.

insisted	Stig	squirrel	growled
spear	woods	neighbour	fox

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Section C

Decide which of these four characters is being described in each of these statements and put their initial in the box next to the statement.

Barney (B)	Stig (S)	Granny (G)	Lou (L)
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Which character found out the spear from the broom cupboard?	
Which character was not sure about allowing the children to go fox-hunting?	
Which character refused to kill the fox as it tasted bad?	
Which character was smug when she was allowed to go hunting?	
Which character bared his teeth at the hunting hound?	
Which character rode the pony called Flash?	
Which character saw an odd creature coming from the woodland?	
Which character tried to hunt the horse for meat?	
Which character's neighbours asked the children if they'd like to go fox-hunting?	
Which character got dressed for the bad weather in rubber boots, a mackintosh and a hat?	
Which character began to become suspicious of Barney at the end of the chapter?	
Which character moved easily through the undergrowth?	

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Section D

Using the word bank below, create your own description of the hunt from Chapter Four.

woodland	commotion	reins	rearing
clattering	hunt	sprawling	snorting
galloping	excitement	bolted	alarm
motion	whipped	speed	stampede