

Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

Read Chapter 10 & 11



Word analysis

1. In the telegram on page 131 the machine is described as a perpetual motion machine. Which has the closest meaning to **perpetual motion**?
a) always driving c) keep ticking
b) sometimes running d) continually moving
2. On page 132 Lily tries to **summon** her Mama to mind. What does the word summon mean in this phrase?
3. On page 135, what phrase tells us that for a moment Lily cannot see the men from the window?
4. In the last paragraph of chapter 10, Robert is described as having heavy **frowning** brows. What does the word frowning tell us?
5. What does the phrase **friend or foe mean**? Lily asks Robert this at the beginning of chapter 11.
6. On page 147 the trellis is described as ivy-encrusted. What does the word **encrusted** mean? Can you use it appropriately in a different sentence?

Fact retrieval

1. What has happened to all four of Lily's family's mechanicals on page 136?
2. What stops Lily from punching the wall paper in her room on page 140?
3. What word is used to show that Roach and Mould are part human and part machine? Look at page 146.
4. What does Lily remember just before she hides in her wardrobe with Robert on page 149?
5. What is the first thing that Robert does when Madame Verdigris opens the wardrobe on page 148?
6. On page 156 how does Robert cover up his mistake mentioning the girl?

Inference

1. On page 137, how does Lily know that what happened the night before was real and not a dream?
2. Why does Madame look hot and flustered on page 138?
3. Lily doesn't know at the end of chapter 10 who the boy on the drive is or whether he would help her. Why do you think she whistles to him anyway?
4. What makes the tips of Robert's ears burn on page 144? What has he done that is so stupid?
5. On page 147 Lily and Robert get through the house using the disguised door to the narrow servant's staircase. Why is the secret door there?
6. On page 151 Lily decides to trust Robert. Can you use evidence from the text to explain why you would or would not trust Robert?

Deep thought

Mrs Rust loves using exciting exclamations with a mechanical feel, such as “Cog-wheels and coat hangers!” and “Stopwatches and spinning tops!” Can you think of any of your own?

