

Deepening Understanding

YR4 Classic Fiction Text

The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit

This set of questions is based upon the text 'The Railway Children' by Edith Nesbit.

Q1

Why do you think the story is called 'The Railway Children'?

1 Mark

Q2

Do the children come from a rich or poor family?
Refer to the text in your answer.

rich

poor

Explain why!

2 Marks



Q3

For each statement, tick the correct box to show whether it is true or false.

Statement	True	False
Roberta was the youngest.		
Phyllis meant extremely well.		
Peter wished to be an engineer.		

1 Mark

Q4

In paragraph two, why has the author written the word 'HAD' in capital letters?

1 Mark

Q5

Why do you think the word 'dull' is repeated in paragraph 3?

1 Mark



Q6

Look at paragraph 3.

Do you think their mother is a good parent? Explain why.

Yes

No

2 Marks

Q7

Using paragraph 4 to help, match the characters to their descriptions inferred from the text.

children

was a beloved family pet

father

was caring and jolly

dog

lived very fortunate lives

nursemaid

was a loving parent

1 Mark



Q8

In paragraph four, what impression is given about the three children?

Impression	Evidence

2 Marks

Q9

Look at the final paragraph. How might they feel once living in their new life? Tick one thought.

I love being a railway child.

This is an even prettier life.

I wish I had lived this life sooner.

I wish I could go back to the Red Villa.

1 Mark

Q10

Using your knowledge from the text so far, what do you think will happen next?

2 Marks

