

The Railway Children

Edith Nesbit

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Teen Readers

Activities

- Find 17 new words from this story in the wordsearch below.

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O	H	E	R	O	E	S	S	L	E
O	G	S	M	I	L	E	P	A	N
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R	L	E	D	E	A	I	I	O	E
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dangerous, fire, hill, gentleman, guilty, heroes, idea, look around, medicine, news, platform, promise, sheet, smile, special, wave.

Answers: 1



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2 Put the words into the contracted form.

around - inside - off - on the wall - outside - with

'Wake up!' said Bobbie. 'We are we're in a new house, remember?'

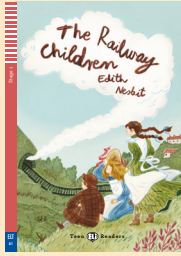
Yes, a new house with a rat,' said Phyllis.

'But (1) it is _____ exciting,' said Peter. 'I want to go outside. We (2) did not _____ see much last night. It was too dark.'

'Yes, I want to go out,' said Bobbie. And so, they went into the garden.

'(3) It is _____ very green,' said Phyllis.

'That hill,' said Bobbie, 'we (4) did not _____ like it last night. We had to go up with our bags. (5) It is _____ better to go down a hill.' And so, they ran down the hill.



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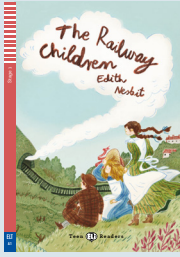
Test yourself

Put the words in the right order to make questions from Chapter 3.

- 1 How | children | the | many | old gentleman | did | see?
Q _____
A _____
- 2 did | What | on | the | the sheet? | children | write
Q _____
A _____
- 3 Phyllis | What | did | do | the station? | at
Q _____
A _____
- 4 ask | old gentleman? | did | the | What | children | the
Q _____
A _____
- 5 arrived | that | What | at | evening? | 'Three Chimneys'
Q _____
A _____
- 6 the children | What | second | write | on | did | the sheet?
Q _____
A _____

1 How many children did the old gentleman see? One - Peter; 2 What did the children write on the sheet? Look out of the window! At the station; 3 What did Phyllis do at the station? She gave the old gentleman a letter; 4 What did the children ask the old gentleman? For medicine to help their mother, who is ill; 5 What arrived at 'Three Chimneys' that evening? A big box with medicines; 6 other things the children needed, and a letter; 6 What did the children write on the second sheet? She's better. Thank you for the medicine.

Answers:



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Focus on...



Edith Nesbit's Poetry Competition

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Edith Nesbit on 15 August 1858 the society wanted to organise a poetry competition. This was open to children from 6-10 and 11-16 years of age and it had a great response from the children.

The winners were: Danielle Tye's for the 6-10 year olds with 'A Little Fairy' and for the 11-16 year olds Eloise Richardson's 'Edith Nesbit's 150th Anniversary'. A signed copy of Jacqueline Wilson's (an English writer of children books) latest book 'Cookie' was given by her to the first prize winners and signed photographs to all competitors.