

Comprehension Questions

Maya's Journey

Answer the following questions:

1. How does Maya feel when she first arrives at the house? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

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2. What are your impressions of the setting? Find evidence from the text to back up your impressions.

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3. Roughly, how old is Maya? How do you infer this?

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4. In the first line of the last paragraph, “something caught the corner of her eye”, what does this mean?

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5. At some point, Maya felt a rush of dread sweep over her. Why? Explain.

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6. What is the overall mood of the passage? How did the writer manage to create it through the use of diction? Refer to words and sentences from the passage.

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7. Aunt Trix smiled down at her, squeezing her hand in reassurance. What does this gesture tell about Aunt Trix's character?

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8. Maya could see their boxes of possessions. The modal verb 'could' is used here to express:

- a) possibility in the present
- b) ability in the past
- c) suggestion
- d) expectation

9. "Someone's inside," she announced, tugging on Aunt Trix's coat. What is Maya's tone?

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10. Line 5 on page 2, 'thatched' cottage implies that the cottage is

- a) empty
- b) fancy
- c) covered with straw