

Danny the Champion of the World
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The Filling Station

1. How old was Danny when his mother died? 1 mark
2. Find the phrase: 'this was not an easy task'. What is the author writing about and what does it mean? 2 marks
3. Why was Danny scruffy? 1 mark
4. What was the telephone for? 1 mark
5. Find and copy phrases that describe the caravan. What impression do you get of the caravan? 2 marks
6. Why was it unsafe to have electricity in the caravan? 1 mark
7. In which month were the apples ready to eat? 1 mark
8. Why did water need to be heated for the bath? 1 mark
9. What impression do you think of Danny's dad? Think of three different words and use evidence to back up each of your words.

The Big Friendly Giant

1. Page 9. Why did dad seem like a serious man? Find and copy the phrase that backs up your answer.
2. When did father tell his stories? 1 mark
3. Describe the BFG , the character in his stories. 3 marks
4. Why do you think they use a 'paraffin lamp' ? 1 mark
5. How did father feel to see the BFG? 1 mark

Cars, Kites and Fire Balloons

1. Why did people travel from miles away to see Danny's father? 2 marks
2. Page 15. Find the word 'inevitable'. Read the whole part it is in. What do you think it means? 1 mark
3. Page 16. Danny 'was enormously pleased'. Why? 2 marks

4. Why could some people say that Danny's dad was crazy to be teaching him mechanics? 2 marks
5. What do you need to make a kite? 2 marks
6. Why did they decide to fly a kite that day? 1 mark
7. Page 19. Why had the kite become a 'small blue dot'? 1 mark
8. What do you think it means when they say the wind may 'drop'? 1 mark
9. Page 21. The balloon is said to rise 'majestically'. What does this make you think of in the way the balloon rose? 2 marks
10. Why may people who see the balloon call the police? 1 mark
11. Why does father need to be there for the balloon flying but not for kite flying? Explain fully. 2 marks
12. What did Danny get for his eighth birthday? 1 mark

My Father's Deep Dark Secret

1. How did Danny figure out his father was not in the caravan? 1 mark
2. Where did Danny look for father? 2 marks
3. What is the name of the wood Danny's father goes into? 1 mark
4. What is father's secret? 2 marks
5. Page 30. 'You mean *stealing* them' I said, aghast. What do you think 'aghast' must mean? Why is 'stealing' in italics? 2 marks
6. Why can Danny not believe what his father is doing? Find and copy phrases from the text that support your viewpoint, 2 marks
7. What did they eat in their midnight feast? 1 mark
8. What is 'poaching'? 1 mark
9. What toppings does Danny have on his bread? 2 marks
10. What impression do you get of Danny? Think of three different words to describe him and back yourself up with evidence from the text. 3 marks

The Secret Methods

1. Page 35. 'I was ravenous'. Find this line. Read the paragraph it is in. what must 'ravenous' mean? 1 mark
2. Father gazed at Danny 'in silence'. Why is father waiting and looking at Danny? Page 35 2 marks
3. What food do pheasants like? 1 mark
4. Where do you get the horse-hair from? 1 mark
5. What does the raisin do to the pheasant's throat? Why do you think this happens? 2 marks
6. How many pheasants in how much time do father and his own father get? 1 mark
7. Write the steps you have to follow to get the bag on the head of the rooster. 3 marks
8. Why did dad stop poaching for a while? 1 mark
9. Page 43. Why was there a 'short silence'? What do you think dad was thinking about at this point? 2 marks
10. What do you think of poaching – good or bad idea? Explain fully with 3 different reasons. 3 marks

Mr Victor Hazell

1. Why is it 'a pleasure' to poach the birds that belong to Mr Hazell? 1 mark
2. What did Mr Hazell do for his job? 1 mark
3. How had Mr Hazell been rude to Danny when he had gone to the filling station? 2 marks
4. Why did they not serve Mr Hazell? 1 mark
5. Why do you think Mr Hazell would not look at Danny's father when he was speaking to him? 2 marks
6. What do you think of Mr Hazell? 3 marks
7. Who do you think had called the inspectors? Why? 2 marks
8. Why does Danny's father want to be in the woods at twilight? 2 marks

9. What did they eat for supper? 1 mark

The Baby Austin

1. At the start of the chapter, Danny cannot keep his mind on his homework. Why do you think this is? 2 marks
2. Think of three things Danny must be thinking to himself. Imagine you are Danny, Write out these things and draw a thought bubble around your lines. 3 marks
3. Page 53: 'a frightful sense of doom'. Why was Danny feeling this way? 2 marks
4. Why was Danny especially panicky? 1 mark
5. What took away the whiteness of the sneakers? 1 mark
6. 'A torch is a good companion'. Why is personification used here? 2 marks
7. Page 54. Why is the road described as 'lonely' do you think? 2 marks
8. Page 56. Find and copy the phrase that shows how Danny was feeling as he starts the car. 1 mark
9. Why was it good the ground was not wet? 1 mark
10. 'Immense trees rose up'. – what impression does this give you of the trees? 2 marks

The Pit

1. At the start of the chapter, the author writes 'I cannot possible describe to you what it felt like'. Why does the author say this? What impression does it give the reader? 3 marks
2. How had father broken his ankle? 1 mark
3. Imagine you are father. Write three things you would be thinking when you hear Danny's voice in the woods. 3 marks
4. Why had a hole been dug? 1 mark
5. Why does father call Danny 'crazy'? 2 marks

6. Why can dad not drive the car back? 1 mark
7. Why can dad tell Doc Spencer the truth? 1 mark
8. What advice do you think Doc is going to give dad about his ankle?
Write three things he could say. 3 marks

Doc Spencer

1. How old was Doc Spencer? 1 mark
2. Why do you think the Doc did not want to give up work (retire)? 2 marks
3. Why does the Doc not poach in the woods any more? 1 mark
4. Write the steps to take to catch a trout. 3 marks
5. Why does dad have to go to hospital? 1 mark
6. Why does the doctor jump up and down in fury? 2 marks
7. Why doesn't the doc like Victor Hazell? 1 mark
8. What do you think of Doc Spencer? Think of three different adjectives to describe him and then back up each word using evidence from the text. 3 marks

The Great Shooting Party

1. Why did Danny keep on his sneakers when he went into bed? 1 mark
2. What did the doc give to Danny? 1 mark
3. Why do you think he had this for Danny? 1 mark
4. How did dad change? 2 marks
5. What starts on the first day of October? 1 mark
6. What type of people come to the shooting party? 3 marks
7. What does dad want to do to get his back on Victor? 2 marks
8. Dad 'hobbled'. What type of walking is this? 1 mark

The Sleeping Beauty

1. What does Danny want to do with the sleeping pills? 2 marks
2. What did they decide to do when they realized they did not have enough pills? 1 mark
3. Why will the plan still work? 1 mark
4. Why do you think Danny really wants to go with dad to follow the plan? 2 marks
5. What do they name their plan? 1 mark
6. Why is this a good name for the plan? 1 mark
7. Why does Danny need to miss school? 1 mark

Thursday and School

1. What is the name of the store? 1 mark
2. What time does the store open? 1 mark
3. Why did Danny love his walks to school with his dad? 1 mark
4. What do you think a 'naturalist' must be? 2 marks
5. Describe the eggs of the song-thrush. 1 mark
6. Why do you think Danny was told not to touch the eggs in the nest? 1 mark
7. Why was Danny worried about the nests of the skylarks? 2 marks
8. Why is the weasel the bravest of all animals? 1 mark
9. Who has a dewlap? What is it? 2 marks
10. What was the name of the headmaster? 1 mark
11. Captain Lancaster calls Danny 'insolent'. Find this part. What must 'insolent' mean? 1 mark
12. What does Danny do when he gets home to help him ease the pain his hand is feeling? 1 mark

Friday

1. Why do you think breakfast that day was quick? 2 marks
2. Who was good at sewing? 1 mark
3. What else do we learn about mum? 1 mark
4. What does the lady in the station wagon want? 1 mark
5. Why do you think dad asks Danny to serve her even though they are on their way to carry out their plan? 1 mark
6. Why does the lady think Danny has a dentist appointment? 1 mark
7. What do you think of the plan Danny and dad are going to follow? Is it a good one? Explain your views 2 marks

Into the Wood End

1. Why do you think Danny is told not to wear his white sneakers but his black shoes? 2 marks
2. Page 132. Copy the description given of the evening. What impression does this give you? 3 marks
3. Page 133. Danny would not swap places with the 'King of Arabia'. Why has this exaggeration been put in? To show what? 2 marks
4. What is the interesting fact about pheasants? 1 mark
5. Four other type of 'game' are mentioned. What are they? 2 marks
6. Why had Danny not taken hold of dad's hand earlier? 1 mark
7. 'My father was very tense'. What does this mean? 2 marks
8. What was 'the poacher's dream come true'? 2 marks
9. 'It takes guts to do that.' What is Danny talking about? 2 marks
10. Why is dad so proud of Danny at the end of the chapter? 2 marks

The Keeper

1. The hawk 'plummeted towards the earth'. What do you think 'plummeted' means? 1 mark

2. What kind of dog did the keeper have? 1 mark
3. Why will the dog not be able to smell them? 1 mark
4. What fraction of the moon was there? 1 mark
5. Imagine you are Danny and you see the keeper coming over to you. What three things would you be thinking in your head? 3 marks

The Champion of the World

1. Where does dad think Rabbetts is? 1 mark
2. Why does Danny think differently? 2 marks
3. How does a pheasant hold onto a branch in the tree? 1 mark
4. Why does the colour drain from dad's face? Page 152
5. What was making the 'thump'? 1 mark
6. Why were they falling from the trees? 1 mark
7. How many pheasants had fallen to the ground? 1 mark
8. What did they put the pheasants into to carry? 1 mark
9. Who brings the taxi? 1 mark

The Taxi

1. Page 162. Dad is 'bursting' with pride and excitement. Why do you think the word 'bursting' has been chosen to describe how he is feeling? 2 marks
2. Page 162. Why is Charlie chuckling and chortling? 1 mark
3. What was the name of the village policeman? 1 mark
4. What did he look like? 2 marks
5. What had the men been drinking at the pubs? 1 mark
6. Why did they give the birds to other people? 2 marks

Home

1. At the start of the chapter, they say their hearts are 'thumping'. Why is this? 2 marks

2. Why does dad want to buy an oven? 1 mark
3. Why does dad want to buy a freezer? 1 mark
4. What is a 'spit'? 2 marks
5. Why do you think dad says he has had the 'greatest time'? 2 marks

Rockabye Baby

1. What does Mrs Clipstone use to bring the birds over? 1 mark
2. Why is the doc so happy at the start of the chapter? 1 mark
3. Page 178. Why do you think the doc repeats the word 'fantastic'? 1 mark
4. Who is crying? 1 mark
5. Why is Mrs Clipstone's face red? 1 mark
6. Why does the lorry driver laugh? 1 mark
7. Why do the pheasants start to fly up and out of the pram? 2 marks
8. Why could the pheasants not fly far? 1 mark
9. At the end of the chapter it says Mrs Clipstone is not calm (compared to the doctor). Why is she not calm? 2 marks
10. Who is making the baby nervous? 1 mark

Goodbye Mr Hazell

1. What type of car does Mr Hazell drive? 1 mark
2. Why do you think the skin on his face turns to scarlet colour? 2 marks
3. Page 189. Mr Hazell walks over like a 'charging bull'. What does this help you to visualize about Mr Hazell? 2 marks
4. Why does father say the pheasants are now his? 1 mark
5. Mr Hazell calls dad a 'rogue'. Find this part. What must the word 'rogue' mean? 1 mark
6. Why did the sergeant's upper lip twitch violently? 1 mark

7. Why does Danny's father say the pheasants left the woods? 2 marks
8. Why did Mr Hazell not like the pheasants on his car? 1 mark
9. Why was it good the pheasants had flown off in the opposite direction to Hazell Woods? 2 marks
10. What do you think of the sergeant? Think of three words to describe him and back your words up with evidence from the text. 3 marks

Doc Spencer's Surprise

1. At the start of the chapter it says there was an 'astonishing sight'. What is the 'astonishing sight'? 1 mark
2. Why did the people get back into their cars? 1 mark
3. Why does the sergeant congratulate Danny? 1 mark
4. How did Doc manage to get some of the birds? 3 marks
5. The Sergeant 'mounted' his bicycle. What must the word 'mounted' mean? 1 mark

My Father

1. Why does father keep the petrol station closed for the day? 2 marks
2. What kind of trout swim in the river? 1 mark

Who is your favourite character in this book? Why? Explain fully for 3 marks .

Do you think dad is right to keep Danny away from school for the plan? Explain fully for 2 marks.

What new words did you learn from this book? List the top five.