



A Martian comes to stay

GENRE	children's fiction
READING STRATEGIES	skimming; scanning; detailed reading
QUESTION FORM	questions requiring answers in complete sentences
UNDERSTANDING TESTED	questions 4, 8 - literal; questions 3, 7, 9, 10 - deductive; questions 1, 2, 5, 6 - in

- 1 How did Peter react when he opened the door and found a Martian there?
He was calm and treated the Martian like any other visitor.
- 2 What was Gran doing when the Martian knocked at the door?
She was knitting.
- 3 What is an emergency landing?
An emergency landing is when something is wrong in the aircraft and the pilot has to change the plan and come down unexpectedly.
- 4 Why didn't the Martians have their own toolbox in the spaceship?
It was left behind on Mars.
- 5 The Martian "padded away up the lane". What does "padded" mean?
"Padded" means that he walked softly.
- 6 Why was Gran's reaction so unusual when Peter told her there was a Martian at the door?
Most grandmothers would have thought that Peter was being silly and making it up, but Gran reacted as though it was a normal everyday thing to happen.
- 7 Gran's cottage was isolated. What does "isolated" mean?
"Isolated" means it was a long way from any other house.
- 8 Why did Gran wish that she had offered the Martian a cup of tea?
She thought he would be thirsty because he had come all the way from Mars.
- 9 Which word means a woman whose husband is dead?
"Widow" means a woman whose husband is dead.
- 10 Why was the Martian agitated when he came back?
He was upset because the spaceship had gone without him.