

'Kensuke's Kingdom' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. Other than the writer, which character are we introduced to almost immediately?

Kensuke

2. Why is dad 'in his element on a boat'?

The air is clean unlike the brickworks and he loves doing DIY.

3. What does the word 'fanatic' mean - circle **one**?

happy

enthusiast

excited

expert

4. How has Stella 'savaged' the letter that arrived?

There were puncture holes in it and it was damp.

5. Why is Michael worried when he hears that his dad has 'gone off'?

He thinks he has gone for good.

6. What does Mum think is keeping the family here?

Gran, the house and school

7. How has dad changed since going to Fareham?

Mum says he sounds like his old self and when he meets them at the station, he's full of laughter and has bright eyes.

8. What is Dad's big idea?

To sail around the world on the yacht (Peggy Sue)

9. What does the word 'dumbstruck' mean?

So surprised that you can't speak.

10. How did Gran try and put Mum and Dad off? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.



She said it was reckless and irresponsible. She also talked about pirates, icebergs, hurricanes, whales, supertankers and freak waves. She hoped that this would frighten them enough to stop them going.

