

## 'The Graveyard Book' 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. Look at the quote below:

*'Wisps of night-time mist slithered and twined into the house...'*

Which technique has the author used to describe the mist? Circle one:

Metaphor

Hyperbole

Personification

💡 2. Look at the various descriptions of Jack on p3-4. What impression do you get of his personality? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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3. What is the purpose of the ellipses towards the end of p.4?

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4. Which sense does Jack rely on to follow the baby?

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5. What is a 'sheath' (p.5)?

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6. According to the text, why had the young boy been both his mother's delight and despair?

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💡 7. Why do you think the child was hesitant as he stepped out of the house?

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8. Give an example of something you might see as you looked towards the graveyard?

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9. How does Mr Owen's opinion of the baby differ to that of Mrs Owens?

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10. How does the man Jack try to encourage the baby to make a noise in the graveyard?

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💡 11. How does the caretaker manage to defeat Jack and get him to leave the graveyard? What does this tell you about his personality?

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💡 12. Why are the other members of the graveyard reluctant for Mr and Mrs Owens to keep the baby? What do you think they should do?

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