

'Skulduggery Pleasant' 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. Which adjectives are used to describe the house on p.30?

Big, quiet and empty

2. Why doesn't Stephanie's mother want to sell the villa?

It is somewhere very idyllic

3. Why does Stephanie's mother not know anything about engines?

She has a husband that can do that - she believes that men are invented to fix engines and shelves.

💡 4. By the middle of the chapter, how have we learnt that Steph is very different to her mother? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Appropriate answers, e.g. Stephanie's mother seems anxious about lots of things, mainly regarding what Steph is doing. Her daughter is different because she wants to independent and to do things by herself, e.g. stay in the house alone.

5. What was Gordon's job before he died?

He was an author

6. Why is Mum concerned that Stephanie is reading one of Gordon's books?

She thinks that they are scary as they are full of horrible monsters doing scary stuff and bad people doing worse things. She thinks it would give her nightmares.

7. Why did Stephanie pick up the phone when it rang? Would you have done the same thing?

As she was now the owner of the house, she thought it was her responsibility to answer the phone when it rang. Answers to part b) are pupils' own opinions.

8. How do we know that the man on the phone is not working alone?

He says, "If you mess up my master's plans, he will be very displeased and he's not a man that you want to displease." Later on he says that he has been sent to pick something up.



9. What does Steph intend to do with the poker?

Smash it over the man's head - she says she'll break his head open with it.

10. What is Skulduggery Pleasant's job and how do you know?

He is a detective - the man that he is fighting with says so.

