

## 'Journey to the River Sea' 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. What is the name of the school that Miss Banks and Miss Emily built?

*Mayfair Academy for Young Ladies*

2. What proves that the school is successful with what it tries to do?

*It had a waiting list*

3. Why is Maia afraid when her name is called?

*She was afraid of the future and afraid of the unknown.*

4. What two jobs does Mr Murray have?

*He was Maia's guardian and lawyer*

5. Why is Maia so pleased that she'll have a home at last?

*She's not had a home for two years - as much as she liked staying at school in the holidays, she wanted home really badly.*

6. Why is Maia so surprised to hear where the Carters live?

*She thinks that it means they live in the jungle and she can't imagine living there.*

7. What makes Maia an exceptional pupil at the school?

*She is good at singing and is exceptional at learning new songs.*

8. Give one thing that Maia learns about the Amazon while she is in the library:

*Choices from the text, e.g. There were broad-leaved trees that could be pierced by the sun.*

💡 9. Why do you think people look at Maia with pity? (p.9)

*Appropriate answers, e.g. They worried that she was going to a place with alligators and piranhas, and no matter how positive she made it sound, it could still be dangerous. She was also going to live with people she didn't know.*



10. What simile does the author use to describe Miss Minton on p.10?

*She looked more like a rake or a nutcracker than a human being.*

