

'The Butterfly Lion' 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. How long do butterflies live for?

For a few glorious weeks

2. Where is the author's boarding school?

Wiltshire

3. What is the boy's escape plan?

He will walk to the station and catch the train to London

4. Is the lion on p.10 really roaring?

No, the stone statue has been carved to look like it

💡 5. How do you think the author is feeling when the old lady finds him?

Appropriate answers, e.g. He probably feels terrified that she is going to return him to the school or that the dog is going to attack him.

6. Why does the boy find it hard to believe that the dog won't hurt him?

He has an ominous growl in his throat and his hackles are up along his back.

7. What is so delicious about the scones on p.15?

They are sweet and crumbly and succulent with melting butter.

8. What is the shape of the shadow on the hillside?

It was the shape of a lion roaring

9. Why does the lady think the boy should return to school?

She thinks he might get in trouble and that he should stick it out. She suggests that it's what's got to be done and he should stay no matter what.

10. What does the word 'gazing' mean on p.19?

It means staring at and paying lots of attention to something.

