

'Street Child' 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. Who is this story about?

A boy called Jim Jarvis

2. Who wants to know Jim's story and why?

A man called Barnie because he says meeting Jim has changed his life.

💡 3. Why do you think Jim's feet are blue with cold?

It is winter and he might not be wearing any shoes.

4. Why does Mrs Hodder bite Jim's coin?

To check that it was real

5. How does Jim lose the children who are chasing him?

He lost them down the dark alleyways

💡 6. Why do you think Ma doesn't want food anymore?

Appropriate answers, e.g. It could be that Ma is unwell and doesn't feel like eating or she wants the children to have as much food as possible.

7. Why can't the family go back to the cottage?

Because their father is dead and they don't the money for it.

8. Why does Mr Spink think Ma is dead?

She isn't moving, is very pale and her breathing doesn't sound good.

9. How does the reader know that Mr Spink has lots of money? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

He puts his hands in his pockets and jingles the coins that he already has in there.

10. What has Mr Spink made up his mind about?



The family has to move out because they haven't got the money to pay the rent.
Another family is ready to move in.

