

'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 does the length of the first sentence match the information within it?

The sentence is about butterflies living short lives and the sentence itself is short.

2. What does 'tormented' mean on p.8?

It means that Basher Beaumont caused him a lot of suffering by teasing him and bullying him.

3. What do pages 9-10 tell you about the child?

Appropriate answers, e.g. He is very determined and knows what he wants to do. He is afraid but he isn't letting that stop him.

4. What is worse than the threat of the caning?

He'll be back at school, back to detentions and back to Basher Beaumont.

5. What does the word 'scrutinised' mean on p.12?

To look at carefully and in lots of detail

6. Why does the lady's tone become softer and kinder on p.13?

She realises that he's come from the school and that he must have run away. At first she appears cross but then when she sees him, her tone becomes softer and she sounds like she is kind and caring.

💡 7. Why do you think the kitchen is always the warmest place?

Appropriate answers, e.g. I think the kitchen is always the warmest place because it has the oven/stove in it and that heats the room up.

8. Which word on p.16 suggests that the perfect rainbow looks like a miracle?

Miraculous

💡 9. Why do you think the lady suggests that the boy should stick it out at school?

Appropriate answers, e.g. I think she suggests that because she thinks it would



build his resilience and determination. She probably believes that it is character building.

💡10. What does the lady mean when she tells the boy that he's going to Africa?

She is going to let his imagination go to Africa by the story she tells.

