

'Kensuke's Kingdom' 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. When was the author's 12th birthday?

July 29th 1988 (he disappeared the day before)

2. How old do you think the author is now?

22 or 23 (more than 10 years have passed)

3. What does the word 'deceived' mean?

To trick or cheat someone

4. Why does Michael's father call it 'the monkey school'?

The children gibbered and screeched and hung upside down on the climbing frame in the playground.

5. Why are the Mudlarks always able to win when they played at home?

The pitch made their ball stick in the mud and other teams expected it to bounce.

6. Which adjective does the author use for how mother described life on a boat?

Wonderful

7. . Circle the word that is a synonym for 'savage':

protect

attack

eat

bring

8. Why is there a 'terrible silence' at breakfast?

The letter had come to tell his parents that the brickworks were closing.

9. What does Mum get upset about on p.6?

She doesn't want to leave their home - she was born there. She was also upset about dad's comment about Michael's wages.



10. How does father seem to be a 'changed man' when they see him in Fareham?

When he greeted them off the train he was all bright-eyed again and full of laughter.

11. Who is Peggy Sue?

The yacht that dad had bought.

12. Why does the author use ellipses in the word, 'Ex...cell...ent' on p.10?

It shows how Michael said the word slowly and dramatically.

