

WEEK 1, DAY 1: BOOK DISCUSSION

Reading Comprehension Answers Part 1, Ch. 1-4

1. How was Dete related to Heidi's mother?

Dete was Heidi's mother's sister.

2. About how old was Heidi when she came to the Alps?

She was not yet five years old.

3. What did the townsfolk of Dorfli think of Grandfather?

They thought he was a mean, scary old man who was not fit to care for a child.

4. What were the names of Grandfather's two goats?

Schwanli, which means little swan, and Barli, which means little bear.

5. What nearly happened to Distelfinck (Greenfinch)? How did Peter save him?

Distelfinck nearly fell off a cliff. Peter saved him by grabbing his leg just in time.

6. Why did Heidi cry when she visited Grandmother? What does this tell you about Heidi's character?

Heidi felt sorry for Grandmother because she was blind. This shows that Heidi was a very compassionate person.

WEEK 2, DAY 1: MAIN LESSON

Reading Comprehension Answers Part 1, Ch. 5-7

1. In Ch. 5, who was the first visitor? What did he want?

The pastor came to visit Grandfather. He wanted Heidi to go to school.

2. In Ch. 5, who was the second visitor? What did she want?

Aunt Dete was the second visitor. She wanted to take Heidi to Frankfurt to work as a companion to a sick, wealthy girl.

3. What was the lie that Dete told Heidi?

She told Heidi that she could come back to the Alps whenever she wanted.

4. How old is Heidi now?

Heidi is eight.

5. Why did Heidi want to go to the tower with the golden dome?

She wanted to see way down across the whole valley.

6. What did Heidi bring back from the tower?

She brought two kittens.

7. What was Fraulein Rottenmeier's reaction?

Fraulein Rottenmeier was terrified of the kittens and screamed for help.

WEEK 3, DAY 1: BOOK DISCUSSION

Reading Comprehension Answers Part 1, Ch. 8-11

1. In Ch. 8, what was Fraulein Rottenmeier shocked to find in the library?
She was shocked to find an organ grinder playing music.
2. In Ch. 8, how much money did the organ grinder ask for? How much did Sebastian pay him? Why?
The organ grinder had asked for eight cents. Sebastian paid him sixteen cents: eight for Klara and eight for playing.
3. What did Fraulein Rottenmeier find in Heidi's closet? What did Heidi plan to do with them?
She found a stash of white dinner rolls. Heidi was saving them to bring back to Grandmother.
4. What was Fraulein Rottenmeier's opinion of Heidi?
She thought Heidi had "attacks of being out of her mind."
5. What was Herr Sesemann's opinion of Heidi?
He thought Heidi was in a normal condition and that Klara found her company enjoyable.
6. What two things did Grandmamma teach Heidi to do?
Grandmamma taught Heidi how to read and how to pray.
7. By the end of Ch. 11, why was Heidi hardly eating anything and why did she cry in her pillow each night?
Heidi was becoming increasingly homesick.

WEEK 4, DAY 1: BOOK DISCUSSION

Reading Comprehension Answers Part 1, Ch. 12-14

1. In Ch. 12, why were the servants afraid?

They thought the house was haunted because every morning they found the front door wide open.

2. Who came to help Herr Sesemann solve the mystery?

His old friend Dr. Reboux came to help solve the mystery.

3. What was the answer to the mystery? What did the doctor advise?

Heidi was so homesick she was sleep-walking. The doctor advised she be sent back to her Grandfather at once.

4. What did Klara give Heidi to bring home?

Klara gave Heidi dresses, aprons, sewing materials, and twelve white rolls.

5. How did Heidi sleep on her first night home?

For the first time in a long time, Heidi slept soundly.

6. What parable/story from the gospels did Heidi read to Grandfather?

Heidi read the story of the Prodigal Son to teach her Grandfather about God's mercy and forgiveness.

7. In Klara's letter to Heidi, what exciting news did she share?

Klara told Heidi that she and her Grandmamma would be coming for a visit in the autumn.

WEEK 5, DAY 1: BOOK DISCUSSION

Reading Comprehension Answers Part 2, Ch. 1-2

1. Why did the Doctor say Klara should not travel?

She had been very ill that summer and would be able to withstand the journey.

2. Who went instead?

The Doctor went instead.

3. What did Klara send for Heidi? for Grandmother? for Peter? for Grandfather?

Klara sent a cape with a hood for Heidi. She sent a warm shawl for Grandmother. She sent a huge sausage for Peter and a bag of tobacco for Grandfather.

4. Where did Grandfather advise the Doctor to stay?

Grandfather advised the Doctor to stay at an inn in Dorfli.

5. What pleased Grandmother more? The cakes or the shawl?

Grandmother was more pleased with the shawl.

WEEK 6, DAY 1: BOOK DISCUSSION

Reading Comprehension Questions Part 2, Ch. 3-5

1. How did Peter feel about the Doctor?

He was jealous and suspicious of the Doctor because Heidi gave him so much attention.

2. What did Heidi's hymn remind the Doctor of?

Heidi sang the same hymn the Doctor's mother used to sing to him when he was a child.

3. What did the Doctor say to himself as he left the mountain?

"It is good to be on the mountain; body and soul get well there, and life becomes happy again."

4. Where did Grandfather and Heidi live during the winter?

They lived in an old ruined house in Dorfli that Grandfather had built many years ago.

5. How did Peter travel down the mountain to get to school?

He rode his sled down the mountain.

6. Why did Heidi want Peter to learn to read?

She wanted Peter to read hymns to Grandmother.

WEEK 7, DAY 1: BOOK DISCUSSION

Reading Comprehension Questions Part 2, Ch. 6-9

1. What did Peter do when he heard that Klara was coming to the Alm? Why?

Peter ran away from the doorpost and furiously struck out with his rod. He was angry that Klara was coming.

2. In what month did Klara arrive? Who came with her?

Klara came in June with Grandmamma and four porters.

3. Why did Grandfather have experience caring for a crippled person?

He had cared for his captain who had been wounded in war and had lost the use of his legs.

4. Why did Grandfather tell Peter to let Schwanli eat wherever she wanted?

Grandfather wanted Schwanli to produce the best milk, and she knew where the best feed was.

5. What was Klara's first thought when she awoke each morning?

"Oh, praise the Lord; I am still on the Alm!"

6. What did Peter do to Klara's chair? Why?

He pushed it so it went rolling down the mountain and smashed to pieces. He was jealous of all the attention Heidi was giving to Klara, and he felt neglected.

7. What was Klara's great surprise for her father?

She was able to walk!