



Questions and Wordlist

Sound of Drums – Questions

Before Reading

1. What do you think the title of the book means?
2. What kind of story do you think this is?

Chapter 1

1. Who is Jason going to visit?
 - a. His grandmother
 - b. Mei
 - c. Some friends
2. True or false?

Jason is excited about visiting Gran.

True
False
3. Jason tells Mei that he is a drummer. Is that the truth?
 - a. No, he doesn't play any instruments.
 - b. Yes, he plays the drums.
4. True or false?

I'm not defined by music, means that you like all kinds of music styles.

True
False
5. Why did Jason's parents send him to his grandmother?
 - a. Because he was bored with London.
 - b. He really wanted to visit the countryside.
 - c. Because he wasn't focused in school.

Chapter 2

1. For the next hour on the train, Jason was:
 - a. Talking to Mei.
 - b. Thinking about talking to Mei.
2. Jason thought Gran was:
 - a. Fast for an old woman.
 - b. Wearing many colours.
 - c. Calling out to him.
 - d. All of the above.
3. What does Jason mean by: "I wasn't going to let someone a thousand years old carry my stuff for me"?
 - a. He is afraid Gran might drop his bag.
 - b. He is young and strong so he should carry it himself.
 - c. He doesn't think Gran is strong enough to carry the bag.
4. Riding in the car with Gran was:
 - a. A lot of fun.
 - b. Relaxing.
 - c. Very scary.

After Reading Chapter 2 – What do you think?

- Do you think Jason is happy about visiting Gran?
Why or why don't you think that? Discuss with a classmate.

Chapter 3

1. How did Jason describe his Gran's house?
 - a. It was a big house made of Lego.
 - b. All its windows and doors were broken.
 - c. It was very old and covered in plants and spiderwebs.
2. True or false?
The inside of Gran's house looked like a very messy and old museum.
True
False

3. Who is Jacky boy?

- a. A boy
- b. Jason
- c. Gran's cat

Chapter 4

1. Gran says that eating meat is:

- a. Natural
- b. Good for you
- c. Not right

2. How long did it take Jason to clean the kitchen?

- a. 1 hour
- b. 2 hours
- c. 1 day

3. What was the best part of Jason's room?

- a. It was nice and big.
- b. The windows had flowery curtains.
- c. The posters of his favorite bands.

Chapter 5

1. Why couldn't Jason fall asleep?

- a. He wasn't tired.
- b. It was too quiet.
- c. The bed was uncomfortable.

2. True or false?

When Jason sees a shooting star he makes two wishes.

True

False

3. When Jason saw the horse, he wanted to:

- a. Feed her
- b. Stroke her
- c. Ride her

After Reading Chapter 5 – What do you think?

- How is the sky in the countryside different from the sky in London?
- How did Jason describe the horse he saw that night?

Write down your answers.

Chapter 6

1. What was Gran doing in the shed?
 - a. Making pottery.
 - b. Playing the drums.
 - c. Taking care of her horses.
2. How does Jason feel about the music Gran plays in her shed?
 - a. It's okay.
 - b. He doesn't like it at all.
 - c. It's the best music he has ever heard.

3. True or false?

Gran is impressed by the clay horse Jason made.

True

False

4. True or false?

Gran tells Jason to mend the roof because she knows he has done it before.

True

False

Chapter 7

1. What does Gran tell Jason about the wild horses?
 - a. There are only a few wild horses left on the moors.
 - b. She doesn't like horses.
 - c. Some people believe there are still wild horses on the moors, but that's just stories.

2. True or false?

Gran likes animals more than people.

True

False

3. How is playing cards with Gran different from playing with other grown-ups?

- a.** She is nicer.
- b.** She doesn't let you win.
- c.** She cheats.

4. What was dancing with Gran like?

- a.** Insane and lots of fun.
- b.** Super embarrassing.
- c.** Nice and slow

5. Gran shows Jason an old photo of herself in which her hair is:

- a.** Purple and long.
- b.** Orange and spiky.
- c.** Blue and short.

6. Jason tells Gran about the horse he saw. She tells him:

- a.** If you touch a wild horse you'll be lucky forever.
- b.** He should stop making things up.
- c.** She doesn't say anything.

7. When Jason got bored of working on Gran's house he would:

- a.** Take naps with Jacky boy.
- b.** Go for long walks on the moors.
- c.** Write letters to Mei.

8. What happened to the note with Mei's contact details?

- a.** Jason dropped it into the fire.
- b.** It fell out of his pocket and was carried away with the wind.
- c.** Jacky boy ate it.

After Reading Chapter 7 – What do you think?

- How is Jason feeling about his stay with Gran now?
- Why do you think he feels that way? Find examples of his feelings in the text. Discuss with a classmate. Do you agree or disagree?

Chapter 8

1. True or false

After a couple of weeks at Gran's house, Jason says he likes his own company. What do you think that means?

- a. He doesn't like being around other people anymore.
- b. He wants to start his own company.
- c. He likes who he is and feels comfortable on his own.

2. On his last night at Gran's, Jason brings Stella another apple and this time she:

- a. Runs away.
- b. Bites him.
- c. Takes it and then lets Jason stroke her.

3. Riding on Stella, Jason suddenly hears the sound of drums, it is:

- a. Gran playing her music.
- b. The sound of other horse's hooves.
- c. It's a thunderstorm.

Chapter 9

1. True or False?

When Jason wakes up the next morning his first thought is that riding Stella had been a dream.

True
False

2. Gran doesn't want Jason to tell her about Stella because:

- a. She wants him to have good luck for the rest of his life.
- b. She thinks he's lying.
- c. She is sad that he is going home.

3. Why did Gran leave apples for Jason when she knew he didn't like them?

- a. Gran has problems remembering things.
- b. She wanted Jason to have a healthy snack.
- c. Gran had known about Jason's meetings with Stella all along.

After Reading

1. What did you think of the story? Why?
2. Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?
3. What do you think will happen between Jason and Mei?
4. Do you think Jason will go back to stay with Gran again?
Why or why not?

Look at the words before you read a chapter. If you understand the words the reading will be easier.

Wordlist

Chapter 1

bored out of	
my skull	fullständigt uttråkad
opposite	mittemot
carried on	fortsatte
the view	utsikten
go nuts	bli tokiga
I snorted	jag frustade till
in the middle	
of nowhere	mitt ute i ingenstans
a drum kit	ett trumset
an expression	
on my face	ett ansiktsuttryck
get my hands on	få tag på
drone on about	prata på om något
tore off	rev av
she scribbled on it	hon skrev ner något på det
she leant over	hon lutade sig mot mig
this is my stop	här ska jag gå av

Chapter 2

I played out conversations in my head	
jag spelade upp olika samtal i huvudet	
nod	nicka
a deep chuckle	ett skrockande skratt
drifted past	gled förbi
I had arrived	jag var framme
all over the place	åt alla håll och kanter

fortunately	som tur var
she smelled funny	hon luktade konstigt
dignity	värdighet
she held on tight	hon höll om mig hårt
politest	artigaste
the grumpy	den tjuriga
a frown on his face	en butter uppsyn
annoyed	irriterad
keep up	häng med
wreck	vrak
a load of mud	en massa lera
chucking it	slängde den
riding in the broken down Jeep	
att åka i den risiga Jeepen	
skidding and sliding	sladdade och slirade
dashboard	instrumentbrädan
either	heller
apparently	uppenbarligen

Chapter 3

outdoor toilets	utedass
broken down sheds	förfallna skjul
the overall effect	helhetsintrycket
creepers	rankor
piles of	högar av
a dump	en soptipp
like a wet sneeze	som en blöt nysning
imagine	föreställ dig
exhibit	visar upp
do you get the picture?	förstår du vad jag menar?
stuffed cats	uppstoppade katter
spat at me	fräste åt mig
was having	
none of it	vägrade
arched his back	sköt rygg
hissed	väste

Chapter 4

kindling	tändved
shredded paper	sönderrivet papper
cheekily	uppnosigt
it's how we	det är så vi
evolved	utvecklats
implied	antydde
it's hypocritical	det är hyckleri
nasty	otäck
your pompous	
little head	ditt dryga lilla huvud
she didn't seem like she was bothered	det verkade inte som om hon brydde sig
slid off	gled av
gross	äckligt
sulkily	tjurigt
duvet	täcke
a china bowl	en porslinskål
a stool	en pall
allowed to	tillåten att
sloppy	känslös
keep frowning	fortsatt vara tjurig

Chapter 5

exhausted	utmattad
doing my	
head in	gjorde mig snurrig
rushes	brusar
died out	brunnit ut
logs	vedträn
like the surface	
of Mars	som ytan på Mars
the heather	ljungen
rough land	besvärlig terräng
jagged rocks	vassa stenar

The water made a sound that didn't care. Här leker författaren lite med språket. Uttrycket betyder ungefär att vattnet forsar fram utan att bry sig.

sloped up
make out
stroke her
jerked up

sluttade uppåt
skymta
klappa henne
ryckte upp

Chapter 6

put the kettle on	slog på vattenkokaren
crashing guitars	slamriga gitarrer
turntable	skivspelare
clay	lera
appeared	dök upp
rudeness	oförskämdhet
a lump	en klump
stretch it out	sträck ut den
slippery	hal
blob thing	ungefär: droppformad grej
even more of	
a mess than	ännu stökigare än
I wasn't going to	jag tänkte inte
sort it out	fixa iordning det
the roof needs	
mending	taket behöver lagas
tiles	takpannor
the current	strömmen
I lost track of time	jag tappade koll på tiden

Chapter 7

on the moors	på hedarna
ancient	uråldrig
captured them	fångade in dem
I shivered	jag ryste till
I sighed	jag suckade
I'd kind of figured	jag hade typ listat
that out	ut det
brightly	glatt

once I got the när jag väl fattat
hang of it vad man skulle göra
that's Gran
all over det är typiskt Gran
confidence självförtroende
die down brinna ut
the woodshed vedboden
I nodded jag nickade
immediately med ens
I reckon jag tror
pretended to låtsades att
giggling so hard fnissade så mycket
come off it lägg av
the absurdity of youth
 ungdomens stolligheter
pinched my cheek nöp mig i kinden
past midnight efter midnatt
rubbish skräp
artistic talent konstnärlig talang
imagination fantasi
yuck blä
a bit moldy lite möglig
snuck out smög ut
I was determined jag var fast besluten
My hands
got sore mina händer blev ömma
earn (money) tjäna (pengar)
little dancing
flashes små dansande ljusglimtar
Physics fysiklektionerna
photons fotoner
bounced on studsade på
was carried away by the wind
 blåste bort i vinden

Chapter 8

she knew me enough
 hon kände mig tillräckligt väl
her nostrils flared a bit
 hennes näsborrar vidgade sig en aning
on the flat of my palm i min handflata
a whinnying noise ett gnäggande ljud
her hair was rough håren i hennes päls
 var grova
a snort ett frustande
freak out flippa ur
as though som om
was speeding by rusade förbi
I somersaulted jag voltade
a shoal of fish ett stim av fiskar
peeled away försvann bort
she bared her teeth hon visade tänderna

Chapter 9

herd flock
spoils förstör
the huge pile of den stora högen av
I didn't bother picking it up Jag brydde
 mig inte om att plocka upp den
for now för den här gången
shrugged ryckte på axlarna
he growled at me han morrade åt mig
scowled rynkade pannan
carriage (tåg)vagn
talk about luck snacka om tur

Key

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2. Jason is excited about visiting his grandmother:

False

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2. The inside of Gran's house looked like a very messy and old museum.

True

3. **c.** Gran's cat.

Chapter 4

1. **c.** Not right
2. **a.** 1 hour
3. **c.** The posters of his favourite bands.

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2. When Jason sees a shooting star he makes two wishes. **True**
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