



Questions and Wordlist

The Still Feather – 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. What does Becca see in her garden?
 - a. A bird with white feathers.
 - b. A feather in the snow.
 - c. A feather in the air.
2. What does Becca's mother say when she tells her about what she has seen?
 - a. She really wants to see the feather.
 - b. She really wants to cook dinner.
 - c. She really wants to watch TV.
3. How old is Becca when she sees the thing for the second time?
 - a. Seven
 - b. Twelve
 - c. Thirteen
4. What is Becca's mother doing?
 - a. She is watching TV.
 - b. She is talking on the phone.
 - c. She is getting ready for work.
5. What does Becca do to prove to her mother that the thing is real?
 - a. She takes a picture with her mom's phone.
 - b. She picks it up and takes it inside.
 - c. She tells her to come to the garden and have a look.
6. What is her mother's reaction when Becca shows her the proof?
 - a. She is upset because Becca got the floor dirty.
 - b. She is really interested.
 - c. She doesn't listen to Becca at all.

Chapter 2

1. What does Becca do to reach the feather?
 - a. She gets a ladder.
 - b. She puts a pot on top of a bench.
 - c. She climbs up the tree.

2. What happens when Becca touches the feather?
 - a. It floats away in the air.
 - b. It disappears.
 - c. It doesn't move.

3. What happens when Becca grabs the feather?
 - a. She falls down in the snow.
 - b. It breaks in two.
 - c. She loses her footing and hangs in the air.

4. What happens once Becca has grabbed the other feather?
 - a. She falls down.
 - b. She has to let go.
 - c. She starts to float up in the air.

5. What does Becca think the girl is?
 - a. An angel
 - b. An alien
 - c. A bird-girl.

6. What does Becca tell the girl to do when it's time for dinner?
 - a. To have dinner with her.
 - b. To stay in her room.
 - c. To go back home.

Chapter 3

1. Why is Becca's mom worried?
 - a. Because she heard noises coming from Becca's room.
 - b. Because Becca is acting very strange.
 - c. Because Becca has bruises in her face.

- 2.** What is happening on New Year's Eve?
 - a.** They are going to have a party.
 - b.** They are invited to a party.
 - c.** They are helping out at a party.

- 3.** Why doesn't Becca want to tell anybody about the strange girl?
 - a.** She thinks the girl will leave her.
 - b.** She thinks people will want to study her.
 - c.** She thinks the girl might get angry.

- 4.** What is the girl doing when Becca wakes up?
 - a.** She is singing with the birds.
 - b.** She is flying like a bird.
 - c.** She is talking to a bird.

- 5.** What does Becca want Meeora to do before breakfast?
 - a.** Put on some clothes.
 - b.** Hide under the bed.
 - c.** Leave through the window.

Chapter 4

- 1.** What does Becca tell her mother about Meeora?
 - a.** That she is a French friend from school.
 - b.** That she is a French visitor.
 - c.** That she is a new girl in her class.

- 2.** What does Becca's mother do after saying hello to Meeora?
 - a.** She leaves for work.
 - b.** She gives the girls a ride to school.
 - c.** She invites Meeora to breakfast.

- 3.** What does Meeora think about food?
 - a.** She doesn't understand what food is.
 - b.** She doesn't like food.
 - c.** She seems very fascinated with food.

4. What does Meeora tell Becca about dogs?
 - a. That they are in fact aliens.
 - b. That their language is different.
 - c. That she has a dog of her own.

5. What does Meeora tell Becca about herself?
 - a. That she is an alien.
 - b. That she is not people.
 - c. That she is related to dogs.

Chapter 5

1. What does Meeora say about her world?
 - a. That it is found inside of a hole.
 - b. That it's there, but you can't see it.
 - c. that it is a dangerous place to humans.

2. What does Meeora say about time?
 - a. That time is the same in her world as on Earth.
 - b. That time is different in her world.
 - c. That she doesn't understand what time is.

3. What does Becca realize about Meeora?
 - a. That she is very old.
 - b. That she is not interested in numbers.
 - c. That she is very good at math.

4. What does Meeora say about intelligence?
 - a. That all creatures are good at different things.
 - b. That beings like her are more intelligent than people.
 - c. That she herself is not very intelligent.

5. What does Meeora think is great about the seagull?
 - a. She loves its colors.
 - b. She loves the way it sounds.
 - c. She loves the way it flies.

Chapter 6

1. What is Meeora dressed as for the fancy party?
 - a. A devil
 - b. An angel
 - c. A black cat

2. What does Becca's mother think about Meeora's costume?
 - a. She thinks it's okay, but nothing special.
 - b. She thinks Meeora should have been a mermaid instead.
 - c. She thinks it's amazing because the wings look so real.

3. What does Becca's mother think about her daughter's fancy dress?
 - a. She thinks it looks amazing.
 - b. She thinks it is okay, but nothing special.
 - c. She thinks it's boring and just the same as last year.

4. Why can't Becca's mother call Meeora's parents?
 - a. Becca says that they don't own a phone.
 - b. Becca says that they are in France.
 - c. Becca says that she has already talked to them.

Chapter 7

1. Who are the Wallaces?
 - a. Guests at the party.
 - b. The hosts of the party.
 - c. Meeora's parents.

2. What does Mr. Wallace do for a living?
 - a. He owns a company that makes engines for airplanes.
 - b. He owns a company that makes airplanes.
 - c. He is a pilot who flies airplanes.

3. How do you know that Meeora doesn't know who Robin Hood is?
 - a. She says so.
 - b. She thinks Mrs. Wallace is dressed as a frog or a lizard.
 - c. She asks Mrs. Wallace who Robin Hood is.

4. What is different about Meeora's table manners?
 - a. She mixes everything on the palm of her hand and scoops it into her mouth.
 - b. She doesn't chew anything properly.
 - c. She spits it all out instead of swallowing.

5. What does Meeora tell Becca about music?
 - a. She tells her that she makes music in her world.
 - b. She tells her that music is forbidden in her world.
 - c. She tells her that they don't have sounds like the music in Becca's world.

6. How does Meeora create things in her world?
 - a. They use their thoughts.
 - b. They make things grow into whatever they need.
 - c. They have robots that build things for them.

7. How does Meeora explain what evolution is?
 - a. She says that evolution is like growing plants.
 - b. She says that evolution only happens sometimes.
 - c. She says that all life changes over time.

8. How does explain creation?
 - a. She says that everything comes from the same stuff.
 - b. She says that everyone is really the same on the inside.
 - c. She says that everything was created at the same time.

9. What does Meeora draw in the snow?
 - a. The formula to create stars.
 - b. The formula for how far it is to her world.
 - c. The formula for how to get to the stars.

10. Why is Mr. Wallace think Meeora is incredible?
 - a. Because she has wings.
 - b. Because she has drawn a very complex equation in the snow.
 - c. Because she has eaten more than anyone else at the party.

- 11.** Why does Mr. Wallace grab hold of Meeora?
- a.** He wants her to give him the equations she erased from the snow.
 - b.** He wants her to fly him up in the sky.
 - c.** He thinks she has stolen something valuable from him.

Chapter 8

- 1.** What does Becca show Meeora?
- a.** The village's police station
 - b.** The village Christmas tree
 - c.** A picture of an angel.
- 2.** Why does the thing Becca shows Meeora remind her of home?
- a.** It is big and dark like her home.
 - b.** It is full of lights like her home.
 - c.** It smells just like her home.
- 3.** How does Becca feel when Meeora flies with her in her arms?
- a.** She is excited.
 - b.** She is curious.
 - c.** She is very scared.
- 4.** How does Meeora show Becca that flying is safe?
- a.** She tells Becca a story about when she learned to fly.
 - b.** She jumps off the clock tower and flies around.
 - c.** She flies back to the ground and lets Becca go..
- 5.** Where are they when the clock strikes twelve?
- a.** Back home in bed.
 - b.** On the roof of the clock tower.
 - c.** Flying towards Becca's house.
- 6.** How does Becca feel about flying now?
- a.** Cold and frightened
 - b.** Cold and excited
 - c.** Cold and sad

Chapter 9

- 1.** Why does Meeora say thank you to Becca?
- a.** Because Becca lets her sleep in the bed instead of the sofa.
 - b.** Because Becca made such a nice fancy dress for her.
 - c.** Because Becca showed her such wonderful things and places.

- 2.** Where is Meeora when Becca wakes up?
 - a.** She is still in bed.
 - b.** She is by the tree in the garden.
 - c.** She is having breakfast with mom.

- 3.** What does Becca do when Meeora starts to float up through the hole in the sky?
 - a.** She grabs hold of Meeora's foot.
 - b.** She grabs hold of Meeora's wing.
 - c.** She grabs hold of Meeora's hand.

- 4.** What does Becca think the city in Meeora's world looks like?
 - a.** A star
 - b.** A water drop
 - c.** A snowflake

- 5.** What does Becca understand about Meeora's comparison between her world and the Christmas tree in Becca's world?
 - a.** They tree sparkled with many different colors just like Meeora's world does.
 - b.** There are decorations everywhere in Meeora's world, just like in a Christmas tree.
 - c.** It is Christmas time in Meeora's world, too.

- 6.** What does Becca realize about Meeora's "people"?
 - a.** They are dangerous.
 - b.** They are very big.
 - c.** They don't speak at all.

- 7.** What does Meeora's teacher want?
 - a.** He wants to talk to Becca.
 - b.** He wants Becca to go back home.
 - c.** He wants to take Becca to the snowflake city.

- 8.** What does Becca find in her room when she gets back?
 - a.** Meeora's halo from the fancy dress.
 - b.** A snowflake that doesn't melt.
 - c.** One of Meeora's feathers.

Wordlist

Chapter 1

stem
straight
poked
it wasn't moving
a few
be connected to
washing up liquid

skaft
rakt
petade in i
den rörde sig inte
några
sitta fast i
tvättmedel

Chapter 2

swirl
had deleted
immediately
vanish
the soil
managed to
upended

tumbled
joined to
emerged
Oh my life!
tilted to
interrupted
dressing gown
fairies
motions

virvla
hade raderat
omedelbart
försvinna
jorden
lyckades
upp-och-ner-
vända
ung. välte
som satt fast i
dök upp
ung. På riktigt!
lutat åt
avbruten
morgonrock
älvor
rörelser

Chapter 3

wincing
concussion
I've finished
tucked into
was delighted with
delightfully
tentatively

gnällde till
hjärnskakning
jag är klar
här: ihopfällda
var störtförtjust i
fantastiskt
tveksamt

Chapter 4

surprised
foreigner
beamed
fancy dress
his tail wagging

överraskad
utlänning
strålade
kostym, utklädnad
med viftandesvans

Chapter 5

appear
crossed over
funfairs
sometimes
interrupting with
hide

dyker upp
korsade, gick över
nöjesparker
ibland avbröt
hon med att
gömma, dölja

Chapter 6

stunned
properly
exclaimed
imaginative
blushed red
arbitrary

continued
family emergency
opportunity

förbluffad
ordentligt
utropade
fantasifullt
rodnade
godtyckliga,
(lite hipp som happ)
fortsatte
akut familjesituation
tillfälle

Chapter 7

arrow
fancy dress party
engineer
opposite
patronizingly
appropriate
she gushed

palatable

pil
maskerad
ingenjör
motsats
nedlåtande
lämpligt
ung. fortsatte
hon utan uppehåll
välsmakande, gott

digestive system	matsmältnings- system
responded	svarade
stifled a laugh	höll tillbaka ett skratt
coughed	hostade
amusing	underhållande
exchanged glances	utbytte blickar
arrived	anlände, kom
poured custard	hällde vaniljsås
gross	äckligt
incredible	otroligt
eventually	så småningom
faltering	tveksam, osäker
advanced	avancerat
refer to an artificial singularity	handla om en artificiell ovanlighet
ahead of	före
addressed the crowd	talade till publiken
incoherently	osammanhängande
relieved	lättad

Please note! You don't need to understand everything Mr. Wallace says – it is only to show you how difficult Meeora's formula is.

Chapter 8

that settled	som landade
converted from	som tidigare varit
she arched her back	hon böjde på ryggen
unfolded	vecklade ut sig
ruined it	förstörde det
yelled	ropade
was pounding	bultade
from above	ovanifrån
weight	vikt
her teeth were chattering	hon hackade tänder

Chapter 9

gently	mjukt, varsamt
peaked round the corner	kikade in runt dörkarmen
pretended	låtsades
nonsense	fånigheter, strunt
empty	tom
movement	rörelser
spires	torn
surrounded by	omringad av
giant	jätte-, enorm
huge	jättestor

Key

(The Still Feather)

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