

Cogheart by **Peter Bunzl**

Age 9 - 11

Reasons for selection and synopsis

Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her?

With her friends - Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox - Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart...

Murder, mayhem and mystery meet in this gripping Victorian adventure. Children will be hooked and the strong, female heroine of Lily is a great character to inspire all children.

Before reading...

Ask the children to look at the front cover. What do you think the book will be about? What things can you see on the front cover?

What sort of story will it be? Who might enjoy it?

Now read the blurb – were any of your predictions correct?

What might a 'cogheart' be?

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise



The following questions are designed as prompts only – allow the children to come up with their own questions and ideas. They will be much more engaged this way!

Prologue

Vocabulary	<p>What words and phrases in the first paragraph show you that Malkin isn't human?</p> <p>Find a phrase on Page 9 that shows that Malkin isn't keen to go.</p>
Infer	<p>Why did John need to put the ship into autopilot? What is autopilot?</p> <p>Why doesn't John tell Malkin what is in the envelope?</p> <p>What might 'have you enough clicks' mean?</p> <p>What was strange about the two silhouetted figures?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what the secrets of John's past might be.</p> <p>Predict whether John is dead.</p>
Explain	<p>True or false – John is selfless. Explain your answer.</p> <p>How does Bunzl make this prologue exciting? Did it make you want to read more?</p> <p>Who is the envelope for?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What is the name of the ship and who is the captain?</p> <p>Why was Malkin barking?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the events of this prologue in less than thirty words.</p>

Chapter 1

Vocabulary	<p>What is a 'penny dreadful'?</p> <p>What is 'deportment'?</p> <p>Define 'putrid'.</p> <p>Find a phrase on Page 15 that shows that the other girls were talking about Lily.</p> <p>Locate a word on Page 25 that shows that the Kraken was not being gentle with Lily.</p>
Infer	<p>Why does Lily believe that it's pointless to balance books on your head?</p> <p>Why does the Kraken confiscate the magazines?</p> <p>For what reason has Lily been sent to this school? Why is it suspicious?</p> <p>Why is the dorm locked? How does Lily get in?</p> <p>Why do Lucretia and Alice mock and berate Molly? Why does Lily stand up for her? What does this tell you about the contrast between these characters?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what the arm will be.</p>
Explain	<p>Do you like the Kraken? Why?</p> <p>Explain how Peter Bunzl makes Alice and Lucretia unlikeable.</p> <p>Do you think Lily should have hit Alice? Explain your answer.</p>
Retrieve	<p>Where does Lily go to school?</p> <p>How did everyone fall over?</p> <p>What rebellious act does Lily commit behind the Kraken's back?</p> <p>Which class does Lily skip?</p> <p>Who was crying and why?</p> <p>Where does the Kraken put Lily? Why doesn't she want to go in there?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise your first impressions of Lily by picking three adjectives to describe her and explaining your choice of each.</p>
Writing Opportunity	<p>Write a Tripadvisor review of Miss Octavia Scrimshaw's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies.</p>

Chapter 2

Vocabulary	<p>What is an 'indignity'? Why does Malkin consider it an indignity to be chased through the woods?</p> <p>What word means abandoned on Page 29?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 33 that shows that the bullet hit Malkin.</p>
Infer	<p>Why does Malkin need to keep moving?</p> <p>Why couldn't Malkin swim across the river?</p> <p>Why is Malkin so determined to escape the man?</p>
Predict	<p>At the end of the chapter, predict if the men will catch up with Malkin.</p>
Explain	<p>How does Peter Bunzl show that Malkin is determined in this chapter?</p> <p>Explain how Bunzl uses the weather to aid telling the story.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What is the weather like?</p> <p>What type of dogs are chasing Malkin?</p> <p>Where was Malkin shot?</p> <p>Which village does Malkin arrive into?</p>
Summarise	<p>What impression do you get of Malkin? Summarise his character into one word and then explain your choice of word.</p>

Chapter 3

Vocabulary	Find a word on Page 38 that is synonymous with 'bottom'. What might a 'mechanimal' be? How did you figure this out from the word? Which word on Page 40 means 'dangerously'?
Infer	What do you think wakes Robert up? How can you tell Robert loves airships? Why doesn't Robert believe the fox would be reading the sign? How did Robert identify that the fox was a mechanimal? Why do you think Robert gives the men the wrong directions? Why did Malkin not move?
Predict	At the winding key on Page 42, predict if the men will come back.
Explain	Explain how Bunzl makes the men looking for Malkin seem scary.
Retrieve	Which new character is introduced in this chapter? What might stop Robert from going up in an airship? What does Robert see out of his window? What did Robert find scary about the men? Why doesn't Robert point exactly at his shop? What is the name of Robert's da? Why is Robert not a very good apprentice?
Summarise	What first impression do you get of Robert in this chapter? Pick one word and explain your reasons for choosing it.
Writing Opportunity	Write a diary entry as Robert, detailing the events of this chapter.

Chapter 4

Vocabulary	<p>What does 'goosefleshed' mean? Why were Lily's arms this way?</p> <p>What is a 'chastisement'?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 51 that means 'poorly behaved'.</p> <p>What phrase on Page 58 shows that Lily is trying not to cry?</p>
Infer	<p>Why did Lily want to wipe her hands?</p> <p>Why do you think Gemma is smirking so much?</p> <p>Look at 'n'est ce-pas' and 'maintenant' – what language might the person be speaking?</p> <p>Why does the porter excite Lily?</p> <p>Madame Verdigris reacts poorly to Lily saying that mechs just want to be treated like humans. Who does this remind you of?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict why Miss Scrimshaw might want to see Lily.</p> <p>Predict what will happen when they get back to London.</p>
Explain	<p>Do you like Madame Verdigris? Explain why.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What was the arm Lily found?</p> <p>Who came to collect Lily?</p> <p>How does Lily try and listen in? What happens when she's caught?</p> <p>Who has come to collect Lily? Why is Lily surprised?</p> <p>How does Lily react when she finds out her father is missing?</p> <p>How are Lily and Madame Verdigris going to travel?</p>
Summarise	<p>Why does Lily have to leave school? Explain in twenty words or less.</p>
Writing Opportunity	<p>Write a missing person's column about John Hartman.</p>

Chapter 5

Vocabulary	<p>What does 'much obliged' mean?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 70 that means 'understand'.</p> <p>Find phrases on Page 74 that show that Mrs Rust has been stressed.</p> <p>What phrase on Page 80 shows that Lily had nightmares.</p>
Infer	<p>Why did Lily gasp?</p> <p>What does Lily find strange about the way Mr Roach and Madame Verdigris converse?</p> <p>Why do you think Lily fell asleep?</p> <p>Why is Lily aghast at where Madame Verdigris chooses to sleep?</p> <p>Why do you think Madame Verdigris might be snooping around the house?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what Madame Verdigris has been looking for.</p>
Explain	<p>How does Bunzl use temperature to convey mood in this chapter?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What woke Lily up?</p> <p>How did Lily know the man could see her?</p> <p>What is the mirrored-eyed man's name?</p> <p>Why is Lily reluctant to take a humbug?</p> <p>Who picks them up at the station?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the newspaper article in twenty words or less.</p>

Chapter 6

Vocabulary	What word on Page 82 means 'shocked'? Find a word on Page 84 that means 'tired'. What word on Page 89 means 'one of a kind'? Why would Thaddeus's hands be calloused?
Infer	How does Thaddeus know who made the fox? Why won't Thaddeus open the letter? What was different about Professor Hartman's mechs? How do you think Robert felt when the fox didn't spring to life?
Predict	Predict whether Thaddeus and Robert will be able to fix Malkin.
Explain	Do you think mechanicals have souls? Explain your answer.
Retrieve	Where does Robert take the fox? What do we find out about Lily from Thaddeus in this chapter? How long did it take to fix the fox? What is the first rule of mechanics?
Summarise	Summarise why the work of John Hartman was so special. Don't use more than forty words.

Chapter 7

Vocabulary	<p>Do you know any synonyms for 'corrode'?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 96 that means 'sticking her nose into'.</p> <p>Define 'hypothesizing'.</p> <p>Find a word on Page 102 that means 'begging'.</p> <p>What word on Page 106 means 'necessary'?</p>
Infer	<p>Why doesn't Mrs Rust want to talk about the other mechs being wound down in the garden?</p> <p>Why did Madame take all the winding keys?</p> <p>Why does Lily find her father's will odd?</p> <p>For what reason do you think Madame Verdigris looks smug?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict why Madame Verdigris wants to see Lily in her chambers.</p>
Explain	<p>Do you like Professor Silverfish? Explain why.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What was the weather like?</p> <p>What did Lily notice in the yard?</p> <p>Why didn't Mrs Rust realise how hot the biscuits were?</p> <p>Who is Professor Silverfish? How did Lily react to him being there?</p> <p>In what way is Professor Silverfish unwell?</p> <p>Why can't Mrs Rust care for Lily?</p> <p>What does Silverfish give to Lily?</p>
Summarise	<p>Write three thoughts that Lily would have had during her father's will being read out.</p>

Chapter 8

Vocabulary	<p>What phrase shows there has been a lot of snow?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 113 that shows deep anger.</p> <p>What does 'minutely' mean? How do you pronounce it?</p> <p>What does 'mangy' mean?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do Roach and Mould want to talk to Thaddeus?</p> <p>Why does Robert's throat go dry?</p> <p>Why does Malkin instantly grow?</p> <p>What causes Malkin's ears to droop? What does this show?</p>
Predict	<p>Read up to 'silver skull handle'. Who is here? Predict what might happen.</p>
Explain	<p>How did you feel when Mr Roach cracked the canary into the desk?</p>
Retrieve	<p>Why was the shop so quiet?</p> <p>What does Mr Roach refer to himself as?</p> <p>Why wasn't Malkin moving?</p> <p>What does Malkin blame his rudeness on?</p> <p>Why does Robert offer to take the letter instead of Malkin?</p>
Summarise	<p>Write the first thing that would have gone through Malkin's head when he woke back up. Only use twenty words and no more.</p>

Chapter 9

Vocabulary	What word on Page 120 shows that Lily is walking slowly? What do you think 'malhereusement' means? Define 'perpetual'.
Infer	Why does Lily get angry with Madame Verdigris? Why has Madame Verdigris called Lily to talk to her? What does Lily dream of?
Predict	Predict what the perpetual motion machine might be.
Explain	Explain why Bunzl might have used a dream sequence.
Retrieve	What does Madame Verdigris call Mrs Rust? Whose make up is Madame Verdigris using? Why does this anger Lily? Which part of Lily's dream was new? What is the thing Madame is looking for?
Summarise	Summarise Lily's dream in less than forty words.

Chapter 10

Vocabulary	Which phrase does Lily think is important from her dream? What's an urn? What phrase shows that Madame Verdigris has locked the door?
Infer	Why was Lily sweating with a dry throat? How did Lily know Madame had been in the study? What are Lily's feelings when she realises the mechs are being dragged into a vehicle? Why couldn't she run and save them? Why might the kitchen feel colder to Lily than usual? Who appears outside Lily's window?
Predict	Predict if and how Lily will escape.
Explain	Explain how Bunzl makes the character of Madame Verdigris unlikeable.
Retrieve	Where was the spare key to Lily's father's study? Whose urn is on the mantelpiece? How does Lily remember about the safe? What was the code to the safe? What was inside the safe?
Summarise	Summarise your impressions of Madame Verdigris in this chapter using ten words or less.
Writing Opportunity	Write what happens next – mostly a dialogue between Lily and Robert.

Chapter 11

Vocabulary	<p>What is a 'foe'?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 143 that means 'try your best'.</p> <p>What phrase on Page 146 shows us that Lily is determined?</p> <p>What does 'stole across the countryside' mean?</p>
Infer	<p>What made Robert feel stupid?</p> <p>How does Lily feel when she learns that Malkin is alive?</p> <p>Why is Robert dubious about climbing the wall?</p> <p>What shows us that Robert is brave in this chapter?</p> <p>How does Robert reveal he actually was at the house?</p>
Predict	<p>Read to the key. Predict how they'll get the box out of the house.</p> <p>Predict how Thaddeus will respond to Lily's presence.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain why it is a good thing that Lily escaped from the manor.</p> <p>Explain how Bunzl shows that both characters are brave. What are some similarities and differences between Lily and Robert so far?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What's the loud whistle that Robert hears?</p> <p>How does Lily get out of her bedroom?</p> <p>Who appears at Lily's house?</p> <p>Why had Lily been unable to lock the door?</p> <p>How does Madame Verdigris find Robert and Lily?</p>
Summarise	<p>Draw an emotion graph for Lily in this chapter.</p>

Chapter 12

Vocabulary	<p>What phrase on Page 160 shows that Lily is upset?</p> <p>What word does Malkin use for 'letter'?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 168 that means useless.</p> <p>What word on Page 171 conveys annoyance?</p>
Infer	<p>Why is Malkin annoyed at Robert?</p> <p>Why would the letter be singed with a small hole?</p> <p>Why doesn't Thaddeus believe that Roach and Mould are the police?</p> <p>Why does Lily disguise herself as a boy?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what the rest of the letter might say.</p> <p>Predict what will happen when the group go to see Silverfish.</p>
Explain	<p>Why has Bunzl chosen to omit some of the letter?</p>
Retrieve	<p>How does Lily react to seeing Malkin?</p> <p>Who is mentioned in the letter?</p> <p>What is a perpetual motion machine?</p> <p>Why is the box difficult to open?</p> <p>For what reason does Thaddeus not want to smash the box open?</p> <p>Why do they decide to go and see Silverfish?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the things that Lily learns from the letter.</p>

Chapter 13

Vocabulary	<p>What word on Page 181 means 'strange'.</p> <p>Which phrase shows you that Thaddeus has been shot?</p> <p>Find a word/phrase on Page 186 that shows how hot the fire is.</p>
Infer	<p>What does it tell you about Thaddeus's character that he insists to go with Lily?</p> <p>How do Robert, Lily and Thaddeus try and protect themselves?</p> <p>Why does Thaddeus stay on the other side?</p> <p>How do the men try and get Robert to open the door?</p> <p>Why was Robert's life in Brackenbridge over?</p>
Predict	<p>When Lily tells Robert that the men are outside, predict what will happen next.</p> <p>At the end of the chapter, predict what is next for Robert and Lily.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain why you think Peter Bunzl chose to make the clocks stop in this chapter.</p> <p>Do you think Robert means it when he blames Lily for his father's death?</p>
Retrieve	<p>Why does Lily wake Robert?</p> <p>Why doesn't Robert believe that the men will be able to get in?</p> <p>Why does Robert say the clocks have stopped?</p> <p>How does Roach get through the door?</p> <p>Why do they have to go out of the skylight?</p> <p>How do they see the skylight through the smoke?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the events of this chapter in less than 100 words.</p>
Writing Opportunity	<p>Write a newspaper report about the fire and the death of Thaddeus Townsend.</p>

Chapter 14

Vocabulary	What do you think the phrase ' the wind was as sharp as vinegar' tells us? What word on Page 200 means 'holding'?
Infer	Why are the children constantly running? Why didn't Robert sleep much?
Predict	Predict what will happen when they go and investigate Dragonfly.
Explain	Explain how Bunzl makes you feel sympathy towards both Lily and Robert in this chapter.
Retrieve	What does Malkin find? What does Lily dream about? What is new in this dream? How did Robert know that Lily had been dreaming of her parents? What is nearby where the children slept?
Summarise	Summarise Robert's feelings at this point in the story by writing three thoughts he may have had.

Chapter 15

Vocabulary	<p>Define 'ominously'. Why do you think Bunzl chose this word?</p> <p>What word on Page 210 means 'nervously'?</p> <p>What does 'lost your tongue' mean?</p> <p>Define 'gleanings'.</p> <p>Find a word on Page 214 that means 'laughed'.</p> <p>Find all the synonyms for 'name' on Page 214.</p>
Infer	<p>Why does the wreckage anger Lily?</p> <p>How does the salvager initially react to seeing Lily and Robert?</p> <p>Why does Lily call herself Lenny?</p> <p>Read Page 214. How do you think Anna knows who Lily is?</p> <p>Why was Robert nervous about climbing into Ladybird?</p>
Predict	<p>Read up to 'there was a crunch of feet across the snow'. Predict who might be coming.</p> <p>Predict what the tape will say.</p>
Explain	<p>Do you like Anna Quinn? Explain your reasoning. Do you think she can be trusted?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What state was Dragonfly in?</p> <p>What does Robert suggest they find?</p> <p>Who does Lily think the footsteps might belong to at first? How do they discount this?</p> <p>What is the name of the woman's airship?</p> <p>What is the name of the woman? What are her jobs?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the character of Anna Quinn so far in one word. Explain your choice.</p>

Chapter 16

Vocabulary	What phrase on Page 223 means 'difficult to get hold of'? What does ethical mean? Define 'atchings'. Try and use your own words and not Anna's.
Infer	Why does Lily cringe? Why does Lily surmise that her father is dead? For what reason do you think Lily sleeps for so long?
Predict	Predict who Roach's 'master' might be. Read up to 'I think it might be coming closer'. Predict what happens next.
Explain	Explain how Bunzl slowly builds tension at the end of this chapter.
Retrieve	Whose voice is first heard on the tape? What does Roach admit to on tape? Why does Anna offer to take them to London? What is Robert cooking? When did Anna have an emergency and with whom? Which ship has found them and who is driving it?
Summarise	Use one word to describe each of the character's feelings at the end of the chapter. Explain your choices.

Chapter 17

Vocabulary	<p>What does 'evasive' mean?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 237 that means 'turn'.</p> <p>Define 'altitude'.</p> <p>What is a 'pea-souper'?</p> <p>What word on Page 253 means 'difficult'?</p>
Infer	<p>How do you think Malkin feels during these events? Why?</p> <p>How does Lily get Ladybird to quickly rise?</p> <p>What can you infer about a change in Robert's character when he fixes the ship?</p> <p>Why might Robert be good at fixing ships?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what will happen when they go to Professor Silverfish's house.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain the effect of leaving this chapter on a cliffhanger.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What do they need to outrun Behemoth?</p> <p>What solution does Lily suggest? What does this tell you about her character?</p> <p>How does Lily free Ladybird from Behemoth?</p> <p>What stops Lily from falling to her death?</p> <p>Why can't Anna land in the posh parts of town? What might be the consequences?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the events of this chapter in less than 50 words.</p>
Writing Opportunity	<p>Write the events in the air, from the perspective of Mr Roach.</p>

Chapter 18

Vocabulary	<p>Define 'façade'.</p> <p>Find a word that means doorway on Page 257.</p> <p>What does 'strife' mean?</p> <p>Find a phrase on Page 270 that conveys Lily's shock.</p>
Infer	<p>Why doesn't the butler initially want to let Lily in?</p> <p>Why does Robert change back out of the suit?</p> <p>Why did Robert start to feel ill?</p> <p>What was the reason Silverfish had invited Lily to his home?</p> <p>What does Silverfish believe will be in the box? Why does he want it?</p>
Predict	<p>Read up to 'stared at what was inside the box' on Page 271. Predict what is in the box.</p> <p>Read to the end of the chapter and predict what will happen next.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain what the cogheart is.</p> <p>How did you feel at the end of this chapter?</p>
Retrieve	<p>Why is Lily slightly uncertain about whether she lived here?</p> <p>What angers Malkin?</p> <p>What is the first thing Silverfish suggests the children do?</p> <p>How do Robert's clothes end up wet?</p> <p>What was inside the box?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise why Silverfish has been looking for the Cogheart in fifty or less words.</p>

Chapter 19

Vocabulary	<p>What phrase on Page 273 shows that Mould is pleased with himself?</p> <p>Find a word that means searched on Page 276.</p> <p>Which phrase on Page 280 conveys Malkin's shock?</p> <p>Define 'perambulating'.</p>
Infer	<p>Why was Lily suddenly overcome with horror?</p> <p>Why is Robert so angry?</p> <p>Why does Malkin make Lily apologise?</p> <p>How do the mechs react to being woken up?</p>
Predict	<p>Read up to 'we have to get out of here' on Page 276. Predict how they might escape.</p> <p>Predict how Lily intends to free John with the help of the mechs.</p>
Explain	<p>True or false: Robert has become braver as the story has progressed. Explain your answer.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What does Silverfish threaten to do to Lily?</p> <p>What has Silverfish been making John build?</p> <p>Where does Silverfish tell Mould to lock the children?</p> <p>Who does Lily realise might be able to save them?</p> <p>Who else is in the room with the children?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise Mrs Rust's first thoughts when she's awoken. Write a sentence she might have thought in her head.</p>

Chapter 20

Vocabulary	<p>Define 'motley-looking'.</p> <p>Find a word on Page 291 that means 'scary'.</p> <p>Why does 'time seem to slow' on Page 294?</p> <p>What phrase on Page 295 shows a moment of realisation for Professor Silverfish?</p>
Infer	<p>Why did they have to creep through the house?</p> <p>Why does Robert wish the mechanicals had been with them earlier?</p> <p>What is the carnation of red that blossoms on Lily's front?</p> <p>Where is the Cogheart?</p>
Predict	<p>Read up to where the gun fires and Lily dives in front of the shot. Predict what will happen next.</p> <p>Read up to the end of the chapter and predict what happens now that Lily is dead.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain the effect of leaving this chapter on a cliffhanger.</p> <p>How did the 'twist' make you feel? Had you seen it coming.</p>
Retrieve	<p>How does Mr Wingnut open the door?</p> <p>How do the mechs band together to stop Roach and Mould?</p> <p>How does John propose that they escape?</p> <p>What is Silverfish's first name?</p> <p>Why did John choose to put the cogheart inside Lily?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise John's reasons for putting the cogheart inside Lily.</p>

Chapters 21 and 22

Vocabulary	<p>What does jostled mean?</p> <p>What word on Page 306 means 'sharp pieces'?</p> <p>Anna says they're in Behemoth's 'blind spot' what does this mean? Why is it advantageous?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 309 that means quickly.</p>
Infer	<p>Why is Malkin dismayed by Anna's plan?</p> <p>How was Robert injured?</p> <p>Where did Anna get a harpoon from?</p> <p>Why won't Anna's harpoon bring Behemoth down? Why might it be good that it wouldn't bring them down?</p>
Predict	<p>Read to the end of the chapter and predict what will happen when Robert gets aboard Behemoth (if he gets aboard Behemoth).</p>
Explain	<p>Explain the effect of having a very short chapter in Chapter 21?</p>
Retrieve	<p>Who is Malkin running to?</p> <p>What does Robert see as he wakes up?</p> <p>How had the mechanicals survived?</p> <p>Why does Anna need coal?</p> <p>Why can't Malkin drive the ship?</p> <p>Why does Robert take Malkin along?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise Robert's feelings at the end of the chapter. Write a thought that might be going through his head.</p>

Chapter 23

Vocabulary	<p>What is 'lineage'?</p> <p>What word on Page 315 denotes feeling sick or ill?</p> <p>What is a sedative? Why does Silverfish give one to Lily?</p>
Infer	<p>Why is Papa pleased the perpetual motion machine still works?</p> <p>Silverfish says it's terrible news that Lily was shot, but what are his true motives for defining it as a tragedy?</p> <p>Why do you think Silverfish has Lily on a stretcher? What does he intend to do?</p>
Predict	<p>Read up to 'alive!' Predict what will come next.</p> <p>At the end of the chapter, predict what will happen next.</p>
Explain	<p>Why do you think Bunzl has chosen to use the line 'trust your heart'?</p> <p>How did you feel when you found out Lily was alive?</p> <p>What are the effects of switching between Lily and Robert in this chapter?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What does Lily dream of?</p> <p>What is the weather like? Why does this make Robert's mission difficult?</p>
Summarise	<p>Do you like Professor Silverfish? Sum up your feelings about him in less than 100 words.</p>

Chapter 24

Vocabulary	<p>What word on Page 324 means 'got used to'?</p> <p>Find a phrase on Page 327 that shows that Robert knows this is his last chance to save himself.</p> <p>Define 'careened'.</p> <p>Find a word synonymous with 'begged' on Page 332.</p>
Infer	<p>Why does Robert take off the wet jacket?</p> <p>Who will the tap of the cane belong to?</p> <p>How does Robert intend to disarm Mould?</p> <p>What happens to Mould and Roach?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what happens after Mould hits the rope with his sword.</p>
Explain	<p>How does Bunzl create parallel timelines in this chapter?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What shows that Malkin is in trouble?</p> <p>Why does Mould laugh at Robert's penknife?</p> <p>Why does Robert flatten himself against the wall?</p> <p>What stops Silverfish from cutting into Lily?</p> <p>What is Behemoth about to crash into?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise what has happened to Lily since finding out she had the cogheart. Don't use more than seventy words.</p>

Chapter 25

Vocabulary	What word means 'inside' on Page 336? What is a 'belfry'? What word means huge on Page 337?
Infer	Because the ship has crashed into Big Ben, what will be happening in the general area around it? Why is the inside of the roof so hot? How does John know that Silverfish has ran out of bullets? Why is this a good thing? Why might Silverfish be muffling Lily's mouth? Why has the clock stopped?
Predict	Before reading, predict what will happen inside Big Ben.
Explain	Explain how Bunzl creates tension in this chapter.
Retrieve	Who is rushing into Parliament Square? Why might this be a good thing for Lily and Robert? What do the noises inside Big Ben remind Robert of? Why is Lily struggling to fight back herself? What causes Silverfish to fall? How does this not catch out Robert?
Summarise	Summarise how Robert defeated Silverfish in less than thirty words.

Chapter 26

Vocabulary	<p>What does 'incongruous' mean?</p> <p>What phrase shows you that Professor Silverfish's body hasn't been identified?</p> <p>Find a word on Page 348 that means 'moved'.</p>
Infer	<p>Why is Robert's hand bandaged?</p> <p>Why didn't they mention their role in the airship crash?</p> <p>For what reason could Robert not return home?</p> <p>Why does John agree to take Robert in? How does he factor Anna into it?</p> <p>Why does Madame Verdigris have to leave the house? What do you think happened to her?</p>
Predict	<p>When Robert points out he can't return home, predict what the future holds for him.</p>
Explain	<p>How did you feel when Lily shouted 'this is my family'?</p> <p>What do you think is the effect of a happy ending?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What does Malkin search the market for?</p> <p>Who wrote the newspaper report?</p> <p>Why did Anna Quinn agree not to mention any of the stuff about Robert and Lily?</p> <p>What had Lily added to her mementos? Why do you think she did this?</p> <p>Why did John save Lily over her mother?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the whole story in 200 words or less.</p>