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The Borrowers
by Mary Norton

Chapter 1

1. Who is Mrs. May, and where does she live?

2. Why does Kate think there might be other people in the house?

3. What kind of home do the Borrowers like?

Chapter 2

1. What are the names of the Borrowers?

2. What do they each do?

Chapter 3

1. What did Homily want Pod to get for her?

Chapter 4

1. What did Pod bring, and why does he look strange?

2. Who saw him, and what did the person do?

Chapter 5

1. At one time the Borrowers lived all over the house. Some seemed wealthier than others. Why do you think this is? Why aren't these families here anymore?

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Chapter 6

1. What happened to Egglestina?

2. What does the word *emigrate* mean?

3. Why is Arrietty unhappy?

4. Why does Homily agree with Arrietty?

5. Why are they going to teach Arrietty to borrow?

Chapter 7

1. Why was it dangerous for Pod to climb up the chute?

2. How did Arrietty feel once she was in the big room?

Chapter 8

1. Why does Arrietty want to go around the corner?

2. What does Mother want now, and why is it a problem?

3. What do you think glittered above Arrietty in the grass?

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Chapter 9

1. Who was watching Arrietty?

2. What does the boy want her to do?

3. What does the boy think Arrietty and her father are?

Chapter 10

1. What does Arrietty tell the boy they are like?

2. What is the comparison Arrietty makes?

3. How does the boy surprise Arrietty?

4. What does the boy agree to do?

Chapter 11

1. How do the Borrowers know when humans are near?

2. What is the family's last name? What are they named after?

3. Why do you think that Arrietty kept the boy a secret?

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Chapter 12

1. How was Arrietty able to get the letter under the mat?

2. What was Arrietty worried about?

3. What did Arrietty find out by listening through the grate?

Chapter 13

1. What did the boy have for Arrietty?

2. What did the note say?

3. Who entered the room?

Chapter 14

1. Why are they in grave danger?

2. What does Pod say about humans?

Chapter 15

1. What was sticking out over their bed?

2. What did the boy give them?

3. What else will the boy bring?

4. How do you think Homily and Pod feel about the boy now?

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Chapter 16

1. What did Arrietty and the boy exchange?

2. Homily is so happy with her newly decorated home. What is she missing?

3. Why do you think that Arrietty and the boy have become good friends?

4. Who noticed that things were missing?

Chapter 17

1. What did Mrs. Driver do to find out what was going on?

2. What did she find out, and how did she act?

3. What did she do with the tongs?

Chapter 18

1. What did the boy want the family to do?

2. What is the plan?

3. Who arrived at the wrong time?

4. What did she do?

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Chapter 19

1. When do the stories end?

2. Why is Kate angry?

3. Did anyone believe Mrs. Driver's story? Why?

Chapter 20

1. Did Lupey ever come back?

2. Where did the Borrowers go?

3. Was Arrietty happy with friends?

4. How does Mrs. May know they are real?

5. Did you enjoy the ending? Why or why not?

WRITING

Use a dictionary to find the definitions of the words steal and borrow. Were the Borrowers stealing or not? Explain your answer.

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ANSWERS

Chapter 1

1. She is a relative who lives in two rooms (bedroom and sitting room) at Kate's house
2. Things such as a needle, pins, and pencils disappear
3. An orderly one, where everything is the same every day

Chapter 2

1. Pod, Arrietty, and Homily
2. Pod makes shoes, Homily knits, and Arrietty reads and writes

Chapter 3

1. A teacup from the top cupboard

Chapter 4

1. He brought the cup and saucer; he was seen
2. A boy held the cup while Pod climbed down the curtain; then he gave Pod the cup

Chapter 5

1. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers

Chapter 6

1. A cat ate her
2. Definitions will vary; accept reasonable answers
3. She hates being cooped up. She wants friends
4. She remembers how wonderful it was with friends
5. She may need to know how one day if she is left alone

Chapter 7

1. It led to the fireplace, which was burning sometimes
2. Breathless, scared, and excited all at the same time

Chapter 8

1. To look into her grating and say hi to her mother
2. Blotting paper; it was up on the table and dad didn't bring a pin
3. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers

Chapter 9

1. The boy
2. Read a book to him
3. Fairies

Chapter 10

1. They don't steal; they are just part of the house, they borrow
2. Borrowers are to human beings like bread is to butter
3. He says there are millions of humans and only three Borrowers
4. To give a letter to her uncle if she will read to him

Chapter 11

1. They get a funny feeling in their bodies
2. Clock, named after the great clock in the living room
3. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers

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Chapter 12

1. She went with Dad to get blotting paper. She slipped out while he was on the chair
2. Since it took three days to deliver the letter she was afraid he wouldn't look for it
3. That the boy was looking for her uncle

Chapter 13

1. A note from her uncle
2. Tell Aunt Lupey to come home
3. Pod

Chapter 14

1. A human knows where they live
2. Nothing good comes from them

Chapter 15

1. A screwdriver
2. A doll's dresser, plates
3. Beds, a birdcage, carpets, and dishes
4. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers

Chapter 16

1. She reads to him, and he brings things to the family
2. Friends and family
3. They are both lonely
4. Mrs. Driver

Chapter 17

1. She set her alarm and got up at midnight
2. She saw the Borrowers and some of her things. She screamed "A nest!"
3. She began to lift all of their things out of their home

Chapter 18

1. To live in the dollhouse
2. To stay in the dollhouse until morning. The boy will take them and their things to their uncle's
3. Mrs. Driver
4. She locked the boy in the schoolroom

Chapter 19

1. They never do; they go on and on.
2. She wants to hear the end of the story and wants it to be happy
3. No. She drank too much

Chapter 20

1. No
2. To the field
3. Yes
4. She took their things and laid them on the bank. The things were gone the next day, and she found their teapot
5. Answers will vary; accept reasonable answers