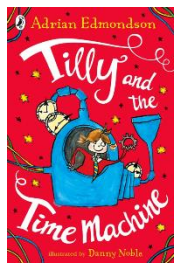


# Tilly and the Time Machine

## Chapter One – Comprehension



### Section A

1. What is Tilly doing when we first meet her?

2. Why didn't Tilly want to get out of bed?

3. Who do you think Big Tedder and Mr Fluffybunny are?

4. Who is in the photo on Tilly's bedside table?

5. What finally makes Tilly get out of bed?

6. What is wrong with her dad's glasses?

7. Identify FOUR things that makes her dad's watch so special.

## Section B

8. Why do you think the phrase 'loud explosion' is written in such large letters?

9. 'It was as if someone had set off a large firework...' Describe what you think Tilly can see and hear outside her window.

10. What clues are there in the room to suggest Tilly has got to go to school tomorrow?

11. What is strange about the way her dad looks when we first meet him?

12. Which TWO historical events has her dad already witnessed?

13. Which TWO clues tell us that Tilly's dad is about to cry?

14. What do you think will happen in the next chapter?

## Section C

15. 'In the middle of the night there was a loud explosion.' Do you think this is a good way to start a story? Why/why not?

16. In your own words, describe the layout of Tilly's house.

17. Who does her dad now work for?

18. Why didn't she bother arguing about being called small by her dad?

19. What advice does Tilly's dad give her when she is scared of jumping out of the window?

20. Why is the photo on her bedside table so important to Tilly?

21. What clues are there to suggest that the time machine has failed?

22. How do you think Tilly felt when the time machine didn't work?

## Section D

23. 'Tilly woke up with a start.' What does the word 'start' tell us about the way in which Tilly woke up?

24. 'No time for the stairs!' Why do you think her dad says this?

25. 'I-I'm f-frightened,' Why do you think the author has written this in this way?

26. Do you think her mother would have approved of Tilly jumping out of the window? What makes you think this?

27. Why do you think Tilly was afraid to say where she really wanted to go in the time machine?

28. What does the word 'dawdle' mean?

29. What time of year do you think it is? Find and copy TWO groups of words that tell you this.

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Section A

- Where is Tilly when we first meet her? Tick ONE box.

at school

in her bed

in the shed

in the garden

- How does Tilly's dad describe their house? Tick ONE box.

two up, three down

three up, two down

three up, three down

two up, two down

- Who did Tilly's dad visit at the Battle of Trafalgar? Tick ONE box.

Admiral Henson

Admiral Newman

Admiral Nelson

Admiral Neelan

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Section B

Place these events in the order in which they happen.

- Her dad explains that he has built a time machine.
- Tilly is woken by a loud explosion.
- The time machine breaks, so Tilly goes back to bed.
- Tilly jumps out of the window.
- She asks to travel back to her sixth birthday.

Section C

Use the information in the text to decide whether these statements are true or false.

	True	False
Tilly's dad is an inventor.		
Tilly is eight and a half years old.		
Tilly's mummy has died.		
Her dad travelled back in time to watch the 1988 World Cup Final.		
Tilly doesn't have to go to school tomorrow.		
Tilly is doing a school project about Victorian England.		

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Section D

Tilly stepped out into the yard; her feet could feel the frost on the path as she tiptoed back to the house. She climbed the stairs to her bedroom and went to close her window. Looking out, she could see the light from her dad's torch in the shed flashing all over the place. There was obviously something seriously wrong with the machine.

FIND and COPY one word in the text that means:

- small white crystals on the ground \_\_\_\_\_
- walked quietly with your heels raised \_\_\_\_\_
- a battery powered light \_\_\_\_\_
- a piece of ground behind a house \_\_\_\_\_
- a storage space or workshop \_\_\_\_\_
- a way of getting from one floor to another \_\_\_\_\_
- an opening in the wall of a building \_\_\_\_\_
- not right \_\_\_\_\_