

## Stig of the Dump

Last week you read Stig of the Dump. I want you to read back over it again and look at your story box up sheet which identified the 6 main parts of the text.

Now I want you to have a go at predicting what happens next and using any information from the text to work out what the character might look like that Barney thinks is in the shelter/cave.

Then have a go at answering the comprehension questions. There are 2 sets of questions, the second set is harder than the first. Can you challenge yourself?

I think the character in Stig of the Dump looks like..

When Barney meets the character, I think..

[illegible]

Reading Comprehension – Set 1 multiple choice

1. “If you went too near to the edge of the chalk pit, the ground would give way”  
What does ‘give way’ mean in this sentence?

For something to break  
because there is too  
much weight on it.

To give something to  
another person

To ask someone for  
directions



2. What makes you think that Barney doesn't like the chalk pit? How is it described?

The haunted house

The dump

A nightmare



3. “Barney felt his head going down and his feet going up” – What does this mean?

He was doing a  
handstand

He was spinning around  
in a circle

He fell down the hole



4. What is Old Man's Beard?

A creeper

A rock

A tree



5. “They didn't let him have a bicycle” – Who might they be?



6. “Barney wished he was at the bottom of the pit” – Why did he wish this?



7. Why were Barney's thoughts all mixed up?

Because he had  
a lot to do that  
day

Because he had  
bumped his head  
and was confused

Because he  
was feeling  
poorly



8. What was the roof made out of?



Elder branches,  
a carpet and  
iron

Moss, cushions  
and Bronze

Plants, blankets  
and Slate

9. Look at the paragraph which starts “Barney decided he wasn’t dead”. Which word in the text



text

cool

shelter

damp

10. Look at the paragraph which starts “But what had happened to his legs? Which word in the text means the same as twined?



the

trailer

tangled

creeper

11. “There was somebody there! Or something!” – Why have exclamation marks been used here?



Barney is shocked

Barney is angry

Barney is upset

Reading Comprehension – Set 2

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7. Why were Barney's thoughts all mixed up?



8. What was the roof made out of?



9. Why did Barney decide that he wasn't dead?



10. Look at the paragraph which starts "Barney decided he wasn't dead". Which word in the text means similar to wet?



11. Look at the paragraph which starts "But what had happened to his legs? Which word in the text means the same as twined?



12. "There was somebody there! Or something!" – Why have exclamation marks been used here?

