

I can find and copy from the text, make inferences and comment on the author's use of language

Read Chapter Fifteen of *Listen to the Moon* by Michael Morpurgo and answer the following questions.

1. How does Merry's mum feel? Use evidence from the text to support your answer (page 217) (2 marks) *Merry's mum is not well as she slept for hours on end and she was "so ill that she neither knew nor cared" where Merry went.*
2. What word also mean *jealously*? (page 218) (1 mark) *enviously*
3. What does the phrase *salve my conscious* mean? Use the context of the sentence to help you can then research the words. (page 218) (2 marks) *To salve is to put ointment on skin to protect it / a conscious is the inner voice that tells you what is right or wrong. Merry feels if she can go and explore before her mum wakes up then that would be ok.*
4. Why does Merry like Brendan? (page 221-222) (2 marks – 1 mark per piece of evidence) *He did all he could to make Mama comfortable / he was the first to encourage her to get out a bit more.*
5. Write down two impressions that you get of the dining room (page 220) (2 marks) *It is grand and glamorous place / bright and lit up with light.*
6. Which word below is closest in meaning to *splendid*? (page 221) (1 mark)
 - a. enthralled
 - b. recognised
 - c. **sumptuous**
 - d. shining

ANSWERS

7. How does the third class quarters differ to the second class quarters where Merry and her mother stay? (page 223 and previous pages) (2 marks – 1 mark for each point of comparison) *Third class is cramped as they are “huddled together”, whereas in second class they have enough space to have a dedicated dining room / third class is very smelly as it says it was “overpoweringly dreadful”. There is no mention of a horrible smell in second class.*
8. Find and copy the word which is used to show how hot it is by the furnaces. (page 223) (1 mark) *stifling*
9. What simile does Merry use to describe the wake made by the ship? (page 224) (1 mark) *like the pathway back home*
10. Why is Brendan feeling sad? (page 226) (2 marks) *He is talking about home and the falls “silent for a few moments”. He hasn’t been home since coming to sea seven years ago.*