

Read chapter 1 of Kensuke's Kingdom and discuss the questions below.

Kensuke's Kingdom

Guided Reading Questions and Activities

Chapter 1: Peggy Sue

Day 1 (AF2)

1. What is Michael's job?
2. Where do Michael's parents work?
3. How does Gran describe the plan?
4. Who teaches the family how to sail?
5. When did they set off on their grand adventure?

Challenge:

Search for specific 'sailing' vocabulary
e.g. navigation, skipper.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. What effect does redundancy have on the family?
2. How do you think Michael and his mother feel when father reveals his plan?
3. Why do you think Gran tries to scare Michael?

Challenge:

Do you think the family will be happy on their adventure?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why does his father keep the plan 'deliberately mysterious'?
2. Barnacle Bill treats Michael and Stella with 'disdain'. What does this mean?
3. Is 'tyrant' a good word to describe mother?

Challenge:

Find examples of amazing adjectives
e.g. reckless.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. What effect does this opening have on the reader?
2. Michael will be taught at sea. Do you think this is a good idea?
3. What do you think will happen next? Use evidence to help.

Challenge:

Draw a labelled character sketch of Michael.

Kensuke's Kingdom Answers

Chapter 1: Peggy Sue

Day 1 (AF2)

1. What is Michael's job?
Paper round
2. Where do Michael's parents work?
At the brickworks
3. How does Gran describe the plan?
Reckless and irresponsible
4. Who teaches the family how to sail?
Bill Parker, an old mariner
5. When did they set off on their grand adventure?
September 10th 1987

Challenge:

mariner, skipper, ship's log, shipmate, yacht, first mate

Day 2 (AF3)

1. What effect does redundancy have on the family?
They stopped sailing, Dad stopped fixing things and him and Mum began to argue a lot.
2. How do you think Michael and his mother feel when father reveals his plan?
Listen to pupil's responses.
3. Why do you think Gran tries to scare Michael?
So that he would convince his Mum and Dad that he did not want to go.

Challenge:

Listen to pupil's responses.

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why does his father keep the plan 'deliberately mysterious'?
To make it exciting and intriguing for Michael and Mum.
2. Barnacle Bill treats Michael and Stella with 'disdain'. What does this mean?
Share the dictionary definition; a feeling of superiority and dislike.
3. Is 'tyrant' a good word to describe mother?
Share the dictionary definition; a person who rules oppressively. Listen to pupil's responses.

Challenge:

gritty, towering, irresponsible, etc.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. What effect does this opening have on the reader?
Listen to pupil's responses.
2. Michael will be taught at sea. Do you think this is a good idea?
Listen to pupil's responses.
3. What do you think will happen next? Use evidence to help.
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage them to refer to the text to explain their answers.

Challenge:

Draw a labelled character sketch of Michael.