

Kensuke's Kingdom

Read through chapter 7 and discuss some of the questions.

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Guided Reading Questions and Activities

Chapter 7: All That Silence Said

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Who used to bring home fish and chips on Fridays?
2. How did Kensuke teach Michael to paint?
3. Who was Kensuke's favourite orangutan?
4. What did Kensuke want to learn?

Challenge:

Draw a labelled sketch of Kensuke's cave.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. Why do you think Michael no longer misses his parents?
2. Why does Michael want to ask Kensuke lots of questions?
3. How do Michael and Kensuke learn to trust each other?

Challenge:

Make a fact-file for Kensuke. What do we know about him?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why does the chapter start with a memory?
2. Why is the word 'silence' repeated?
3. Michael feels 'honoured' when Kensuke shows him a Japan tree. What does this mean?

Challenge:

Collect words to describe Kensuke. Write down the meanings.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. What is the main purpose of this chapter?
2. What have Michael and Kensuke given each other?
3. Do you think Kensuke is a 'very clever fellow'? Explain why.

Challenge:

Predict how the story will end, using 5 bullet points to explain.

Kensuke's Kingdom **Answers**

Chapter 7: All That Silence Said

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Who used to bring home fish and chips on Fridays?
Michael's father.
2. How did Kensuke teach Michael to paint?
By letting him watch (observe) him.
3. Who was Kensuke's favourite orangutan?
Tomodachi
4. What did Kensuke want to learn?
How to speak English.

Challenge:

Draw a labelled sketch of Kensuke's cave.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. Why do you think Michael no longer misses his parents?
Because Kensuke is looking after him now.
2. Why does Michael want to ask Kensuke lots of questions?
Because he wants to find out more about him and his past.
3. How do Michael and Kensuke learn to trust each other?
By living, working and sharing together.

Challenge:

Make a fact-file for Kensuke. What do we know about him?

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why does the chapter start with a memory?
To show that Michael was not fully conscious.
2. Why is the word 'silence' repeated?
To emphasize how quiet it was.
3. Michael feels 'honoured' when Kensuke shows him a Japan tree. What does this mean?
It means that Michael knows that Kensuke was sharing something that was very special to him.

Challenge:

Collect words to describe Kensuke. Write down the meanings.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. What is the main purpose of this chapter?
To show how Michael and Kensuke's relationship is growing and strengthening.
2. What have Michael and Kensuke given each other?
Companionship and friendship.
3. Do you think Kensuke is a 'very clever fellow'? Explain why.
Listen to pupil's responses. Encourage them to refer to the text to explain their answers.

Challenge:

Predict how the story will end, using 5 bullet points to explain.