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- Read chapter one of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce (you can also listen to it – see reading link for Tuesday).
- Answer the questions – remember to use the question words to help you answer in full sentences.

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1. What was Tom looking forward to doing in the garden during the holidays (page 1)?
2. Who has got measles (page 4)?
a) Tom (b) Peter (c) Mrs Long (d) Uncle Alan
3. Which adjectives does the author use to describe the big house (page 4)?
4. What is causing the only sound in the hall (page 5)?
5. What is Tom trying to do while talking to his aunt (page 5)?

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6. Why is Tom crying at the start of the story (page 1)?
7. How do you think Mrs Long is feeling as she takes Tom towards the car (page 2)?
8. Why does Mrs Long raise her hands 'in a gesture of despair' (page 3)?
9. How does Tom feel about going to stay with his aunt and uncle?

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10. What is the correct definition of 'cooped' (page 3)?
a) stuck (b) bored and unhappy (c) kept in a small space

Further challenge:

Find examples of 'wow words' in the text.