

## Wind in the Willows -Chapter 10- The return of Toad

Toad, Mole, Ratty and Badger arm themselves and set out to liberate Toad Hall...

Task 1: Listen to Chapter 10 of Wind in the Willows at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/english-ks2-the-wind-in-the-willows-episode-10-the-return-of-toad/zjs4382>

At last the hour for the banquet began to draw near, and Toad, who on leaving the others had retired to his bedroom, was still sitting there, melancholy and thoughtful. Then he dipped his hairbrush in the water-jug, parted his hair in the middle, and plastered it down very straight and sleek on each side of his face; and, unlocking the door, went quietly down the stairs to greet his guests, who he knew must be assembling in the drawing-room. All the animals cheered when he entered, and crowded round to congratulate him and say nice things about his courage, and his cleverness, and his fighting qualities; but Toad only smiled faintly, and murmured, 'Not at all!' The animals were evidently puzzled and taken aback by this unexpected attitude of his; and Toad felt, as he moved from one guest to the other, making his modest responses, that he was an object of absorbing interest to everyone. The Badger had ordered everything of the best, and the banquet was a great success. Some of the younger and livelier animals, as the evening wore on, got whispering to each other that things were not so amusing as they used to be in the good old days; and there were some knockings on the table and cries of 'Toad! Speech! Speech from Toad! Song! Mr. Toad's song!' But Toad only shook his head gently and raised one paw in mild protest. He was indeed an altered Toad!

Task 2: Complete the tasks below:

Using a dictionary, find and copy the definitions (meanings) of the following words.

banquet	
melancholy	
murmured	

The story ends with a celebration banquet.

Do you think it is a good way, to end the story?

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If you were the author, would you end the story this way or do you believe that the ending of the story - should have been different?

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