

## Comprehension

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English Language

### Exploring

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The house is all ready now. Daddy had to go down to the workshop today, of course, but the rest of us spent the morning working hard – all except our dog, Sloopy, who is still wandering around the house looking puzzled. Peter was cleaning the specks of paint off the bathroom tiles. Susie insisted on helping him but when she began to get turpentine and paint all over herself in gray streaks he thought it was time she stopped. Mummy was not pleased when she saw the color of Suzie's dress!

I was busy in the kitchen putting paper on the cupboard shelves and packing things away. I was doing well with the cans and tins and packets, but nearly ran into trouble when I did a few dance steps with a pile of plates, practicing the bourree. I slipped and almost dropped them. (Mummy said I must *try to keep my feet on the ground* sometimes. But I like to practice my dancing steps when I can and I like to run and jump like Sloopy. We have plenty of fun chasing around the yard together.)

After lunch, Peter and I tidied ourselves and Susie, then *went to explore* as we called it. We didn't take Sloopy with us. We found a new church two roads away. We walked along several different roads until we came to a shop and Susie wanted to look at things in the window. When she was satisfied, we decided to come home, but we took a wrong turning and could not find the way back to Hummingbird Drive. The trouble was because the houses are new and all the roads look the same, it was hard to tell where we were.

We saw a group of boys on a corner and asked them the way. They told us. But one of them, a big boy they called Charlie, began to laugh at Peter and to tease him. He seemed to think that Peter was a sissy because he was taking his little sister for a walk and he said Peter was stupid to lose his way. They had *an exchange of words* but that was all, thank heaven. I could see Peter wanted to make more of it but he didn't. I suppose it was because he had Susie and me with him. I hope Peter stands up to Charlie next time, and I hope I shall be there to help him.

We followed the directions and soon saw the church and, of course, knew where we were then. In a few minutes we were back home. Mummy was a bit worried in case we had got lost, but she knew that Peter, at least, would find the way.

I think we're going to like it here. I wonder what our new schools will be like. Well, we'll find out tomorrow. Perhaps Peter will meet his new 'friend', Charlie, at his school.

1. Why was there so much to do in the Robinson house that morning?

(1pt.)

2. Why did Mr. Robinson not help in the house?

(1pt.)

3. What did Mr. Robinson mean when she said Ann must keep her feet on the ground?

(1pt.)

4. What did Ann mean by 'went to explore'?

(2pts.)

5. Why was Sloopy puzzled?

(2pts.)

6. What is an exchange of words?

(2pts.)

7. Why did Peter use turpentine on the bathroom tiles?

(1pt.)

8. Why was Susie's dress covered with grey streaks?

(1pt.)

9. What is a bourree?

(2pts.)

10. The church was a landmark for Peter and Ann. What do you think landmark is?

(2pts.)

11. Why did all the roads in Hill View look the same?

(2pts.)

12. Why was mother worried and then suddenly felt as if all would be well.

(3pts.)

**Total Marks 20**