The Fun They Had

Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed May 17, 2157, she wrote, "Today, Tommy found a real book!"

1. When does the story take place?

2157 | 2045

It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.

2. What did Tommy find?

A real book | A television screen

They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to -- on a screen, you know. And then, when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when they read it the first time.

3. What was different about the book?

The words moved on a screen | The words stayed still on paper

"Gee," said Tommy, "what a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

4. What do they usually read on?

A television screen | Paper books

"Same with mine," said Margie. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had. He was thirteen.

5. Who are the main characters and how old are they?

Margie is 13 and Tommy is 11 | Margie is 11 and Tommy is 13

She said, "Where did you find it?"
"In my house." He pointed without looking, because he was busy reading. "In the attic."

6. Where did Tommy find the book?

In the attic | At school

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