4 Who is Alison?

Mr Wynnes' daughter, Alison, was bored with the adults' conversation. She turned towards one of the young army officers, hoping for a more interesting conversation.

5 Who is Cecil?

Cecil, one of the British officers, noticed Alison looking at him and asked her, "Do you enjoy hunting, Miss Wynnes, or is the sight of a dead animal too much for your delicate character?"

6 What does Alison say about women?

"What a silly question," Alison replied. "The time when women jumped on a chair at the sight of a mouse is long gone. Women can be just as daring and brave as men. We do not scare easily."

7 Does Wilfred agree with Alison?

"Oh, is that so, Miss Wynnes?" said Wilfred, the second army officer. "Well, I disagree with you. When there is any trouble or danger, a woman's instinct is to scream and faint."

Alison looked at the officer coolly and did not reply.

Wilfred continued in a snobbish way, "While many men may feel fear, they