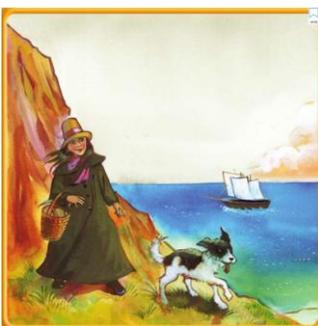


The Dog That Dug for Dinosaurs - Comprehension Questions

- As you read each page try to locate sentences that are FACTS and OPINIONS
- p. 424 - What details does the author give about Tray? Why do you think the author includes these details?
- p. 424 - Which sentence about Tray is an OPINION?
- p. 425 - Why does the author include a photograph of a fossil? How did the shell turn into a fossil?
- p.426 - Why do many of the fossils found by Mary and Tray look like seashells?
- p. 428 - How does the author let readers know that the bones in the cliff were an important discovery? Why couldn't the adults figure out what the bones were?
- p. 428 - 429 - What happens after Mary and Tray found giant rib bones in the side of the cliff?
- p.429 - How does the text explain what ichthyosaur is? How does the illustration help you understand what this animal looks like?
- p.430 - Why do the strangers come to Lyme Regis? How do they know where to go?
- p. 430 What is Mary's OPINION of the strangers who came to Lyme Regis after she found the fish lizard fossil?
- p. 430-431 - What details does the author include about the strangers? How do you know that the strangers will probably have trouble finding fossils? How should a fossil hunter dress?
- p. 432 - Why would Mr. Buckland want to see the exact place where Mary and Tray found the ichthyosaur?

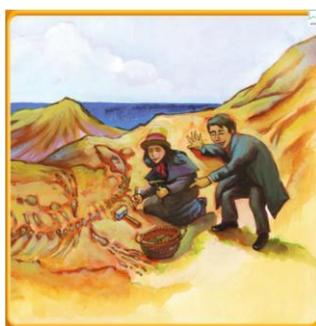
- p. 433 - What does Tray do to make Mr. Buckland think he is intelligent?
- p. 434 - What do Mary and Tray do to stay safe when they look for fossils? Does this support the idea that they try to stay safe? How?
- p. 435 - (remind children what a compound word is made up of) How do the two smaller words that make up the word 'BACKBONE' help you figure out what the larger word means?
- p. 436 - How does the photo on page 436 help you understand the creature the author is describing? What does the picture show? What does the text say? Do the picture and the sentence go together?
- p. 437 - Why did Mr. Buckland bring Mary books about dinosaurs?
- p. 438 - Why is Mary Anning famous?
- p. 439 - Why does the painting of Mary Anning show her holding a chisel and a basket?
- How can you tell a sentence is an OPINION? or FACT?
- Use the retelling cards to retell the story in your own words.



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