

The Railway Children

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KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TEST

About the author

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A6 B5 C3 D7 E8 F1 G2 H4

Chapter ONE

Page 14 – exercise 1

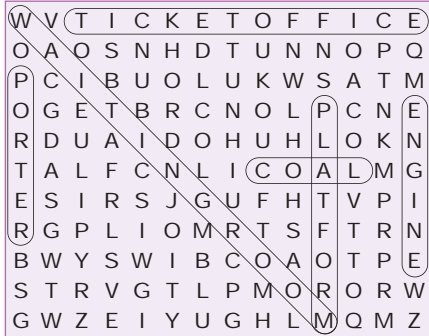
1B 2A 3A 4B 5C 6B

Page 14 – exercise 2

Open answer

Page 14 – exercise 3

1 ticket office 2 waiting room
3 platform 4 porter 5 coal 6 engine



Page 15 – exercise 4

1B 2D 3F 4E 5C 6A

Page 15 – exercise 5

PETER:

10 years old, blue eyes, blond hair

BOBBIE:

12 years old, blue eyes, long brown hair

PHYLLIS:

8 years old, green eyes, red hair

Page 16 – exercise 6

1 are 2 in 3 on 4 My 5 the 6 her
7 I 8 at

Page 16 – exercise 1

1B 2C 3A

Page 17 – exercise 2

1A 2B 3B 4C 5B

Page 17 – exercise 3a

- 1 Phyllis is on the platform at the train station.
- 2 She is giving a letter to an old gentleman.

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- 1 A stranger with old clothes is standing in the middle of the people.

- 2 Because he looks different and he is frightened.
- 3 They are trying to look at him.

Chapter TWO

Page 25 – exercise 1

1A 2C 3A 4A 5B 6C 7A

Page 26 – exercise 2

- 1 town
- 2 station
- 3 platform
- 4 foreigner
- 5 clothes
- 6 English
- 7 frightened
- 8 French
- 9 French

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Fruit: banana, orange, pear, apricot, pineapple, strawberry, peach, grapes, fig

Vegetables: broccoli, potatoes, tomatoes, lettuce, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, celery, onions, leeks

Meat: chicken, turkey, beef, pork

Fish: bass, trout, tuna, swordfish, herring, sardines, crab, shrimp, lobster

Dairy products: milk, yogurt, cheese

Early railways

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1T 2F 3F 4T 5F 6T 7T 8T 9F
10F 11T 12T 13F 14T

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A4 B6 C1 D3 E5 F2

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Open answer

Chapter THREE

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1C 2C 3B 4A 5C 6A 7C 8B

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1E 2A 3H 4C 5D 6G 7F 8B

Page 41 – exercise 3

1B 2C 3C 4B

Page 42 – exercise 1

A3 B1 C4 D2

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1B 2C 3A 4B 5A

Recording script

Reporter: Hello, I'm Jonathan Jones from The Railway Gazette. Can I ask you some questions?

Bobbie: Yes, of course.

Reporter: You and your brother and sister saved the 11.29 train with 260 passengers. You're a courageous girl! You're famous in all of England! Were you afraid?

Bobbie: Yes, I was.

Reporter: Did you celebrate at home?

Bobbie: Yes, we did. Mother made us a big chocolate cake.

Reporter: What's your favourite subject at school?

Bobbie: My favourite subject is maths.

Reporter: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Bobbie: I want to be a teacher.

Reporter: What's your hobby?

Bobbie: I like gardening.

Reporter: What will you do with your new gold watch?

Bobbie: I'll wear it on Sundays!

Chapter FOUR

Page 49 – exercise 1

- 1 tea, porter's room
- 2 angry
- 3 houseboat, children
- 4 Everyone
- 5 crying, presents
- 6 angry



Page 49 – exercise 2

- 1 Everything 2 Everyone
- 3 everywhere 4 Everyone
- 5 everything 6 everywhere

Page 49 – exercise 3

- 1B 2E 3C 4A 5D 6G 7F

Page 50 – exercise 4

- Bakers:** biscuits, cakes
- Greengrocer's:** apples, tomatoes
- Grocer's:** tea, jam, honey
- Bookshop:** history book, storybook
- Clothes shop:** trousers, scarf, coat

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- 1 nanny 2 coal miner 3 publisher
- 4 stranger 5 weak

Page 50 – exercise 6

- 1 for 2 inside 3 with, from 4 next to
- 5 at 6 on 7 through 8 outside

Page 51 – exercise 1

- 1 She is on the street in the village.
- 2 She is reading the newspaper.
- 3 It says: 'This man is a spy! Five years in prison.'
- 4 Her father's.
- 5 She is very surprised and upset.

Page 51 – exercise 2

- 1 rose bush 2 onions 3 rake
- 4 daisies 5 carrots 6 turnips

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- 1C 2B 3A 4B 5A 6C 7B

Chapter FIVE

Page 58 – exercise 1

- 1C 2A 3C 4C 5B 6B 7A

Page 59 – exercise 2

- 1 geranium 2 sunflower 3 for-me-not
- 4 rose 5 violet 6 tulip

Page 59 – exercise 3

- 1 sunflower 2 violet 3 geranium
- 4 rose 5 tulip 6 forget-me-not

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Open answer

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- 1G 2C 3D 4E 5B

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- 1C 2C 3A 4A 5C 6B

Chapter SIX

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- 1A 2C 3A 4A 5B 6B 7A 8B
- 9A 10C

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Open answer

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- 1A 2B 3C 4B 5A 6D 7C 8A
- 9B 10D 11B

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- 1 D – Where 2 C – How
- 3 F – Why 4 B – When
- 5 E – What 6 A – Who

Page 68 – exercise 5

- 1B 2C 3B 4B 5B

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- 1 noise 2 happiness 3 beautiful
- 4 sad 5 kindness 6 ill 7 hungry
- 8 thirst

Page 69 – exercise 1

- 1B 2A 3C 4B 5C

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- 1 She is at the train station.
- 2 She is meeting her father.
- 3 They are looking at Bobbie and her father.
- 4 There are four people on the train.
- 5 He is tall and thin, has got blond hair and wears glasses. He is wearing a brown suit and has got a green suitcase.

Chapter SEVEN

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- 1A 2B 3A 4A 5C 6A 7A 8B 9A

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- 1 father 2 daughter 3 brother 4 husband 5 grandmother 6 queen

Page 75 – exercise 3

- 1 in 2 He 3 and 4 with 5 gets 6 on 7 at 8 the 9 house 10 for 11 about
- 12 to 13 in 14 are

Page 75 – exercise 4

- A horse B cakes C America D glasses E shoes
- 1 shoes 2 horse 3 America 4 glasses 5 cakes

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- A12 B8 C10 D7 E11 F2 G1 H3 I5 J4 K9 L6

CONTEXT

1 Answer the following questions.

- 1 What is the name of the author?
- 2 Is the author American or British?
- 3 Name another one of her books.
- 4 Who invented the first steam engine for railways?
- 5 How did the train change the lives of British?
- 6 What did President Abraham Lincoln want to build?
- 7 When and where was the golden spike put in the ground?
- 8 How long does it take to go from Moscow to Vladivostok by train?

COMPREHENSION CHECK

2 Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Peter, Bobbie and Phyllis made friends with the Station Master and Perks. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Mother wrote history books to make some money. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The old gentleman sent mother a big box of food. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 The foreigner did not speak English but he spoke French. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Bobbie used the red petticoats because red is the colour of danger. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 The three children went to the ceremony on Saturday evening. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 At the ceremony they received three gold pens. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Phyllis saw flames and smoke coming out of the houseboat. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Perks gave Bobbie a lot of old newspapers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Bobbie wrote a letter to the Station Master and put the newspaper article in the envelope. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Jim was the old gentleman's grandson. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 The children's father arrived on the 11:54 train. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

VOCABULARY

3 Match the word with its meaning.

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 1 whispered | A People you don't know |
| 2 foreigner | B Not afraid |
| 3 weak | C Long passage through a mountain or hill |
| 4 brave | D Spoke very quietly |
| 5 strangers | E Help for the poor |
| 6 charity | F True, sincere |
| 7 tunnel | G Not strong |
| 8 loyal | H A person from another country |

SOME OR ANY

4 Fill in the gaps with some or any.

- 1 Peter took coal from the train station.
- 2 Perks told the children funny stories.
- 3 The stranger was sad because he did not have friends.
- 4 Mother gave him cherries to eat.
- 5 Bobbie bought tea and sugar at the grocer's.
- 6 'Do you want bread with your dinner?' asked mother.
- 7 Mrs Perks did not have money for a birthday present.
- 8 Bobbie gave Jim milk because he was thirsty.
- 9 people on the train waved at Bobbie.
- 10 He did not know people at the station.

WRITING

5 Write answers to the following questions.

- 1 Did you like the story? Why? Why not?
- 2 Who was your favourite character?
- 3 What is your favourite part of the story?

Exercise 1 – Context

- 1 Edith Nesbit
- 2 British
- 3 The Story of the Treasure Seekers, Five Children and It
- 4 George Stephenson invented the first steam engine for railways.
- 5 With cheaper transport costs, businesses could sell their products in many places, and for the first time people could travel for pleasure and spend holidays at the sea.
- 6 President Lincoln wanted to build a railway from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific Coast.
- 7 The golden spike was put in the ground on 10 May 1869 at Promontory Summit, Utah.
- 8 It takes seven days to go from Moscow to Vladivostok by train.

Exercise 2 – Comprehension check

- 1 T
- 2 F – Mother wrote stories to make some money.
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 T
- 6 F – The three children went to the ceremony on Friday afternoon.
- 7 F – At the ceremony they received three gold watches with chains.
- 8 T
- 9 T
- 10 F – Bobbie wrote a letter to the nice old gentleman and put the newspaper article in the envelope.
- 11 T
- 12 T

Exercise 3 – Vocabulary

1D 2H 3G 4B 5A 6E 7C 8F

Exercise 4 – Some or Any

1 some 2 some 3 any 4 some
 5 some 6 some 7 any 8 some
 9 Some 10 any

Exercise 5 – Writing

Open answer