

The Water Babies



Name: _____

Date: _____

Ring the correct answer for each of the following questions.

- From which part of the 'Water Babies' story do you think the extracts were taken?
the beginning the middle the final chapter the first chapter
- How much of the time are we told that Tom spent crying?
often half the time all the time never
- Circle the word used to describe the inside smoke duct of a chimney.
flu flue grate sweep

Write a full sentence to answer each of the following questions.

- Which words in the first extract tell you that Tom was not concerned about his inability to read or write?

- How often was Tom hungry because he hadn't had enough to eat?

- Why do you think a housemaid stayed in the room to watch the furniture?

Notes for teachers

Ensure the children have understood the passages and that they are taken from three different parts of the Water Babies book. In question 3 you may need to discuss the words 'smoke duct' with the children. The other questions should always be answered in correctly punctuated and, where appropriate, detailed sentences.