Chapter 1

Vocabulary:

marmalade-  
intervals-  
crochet-  
conceited-

Questions:

1. Where did the borrowers get their names?

2. Who are the main characters so far?

Chapter 2

Vocabulary:

lacquer-
Questions:

1. Why do you think the Borrowers were frightened?

2. Do any characters act in ways which are unexpected or surprising?

Chapter 3

Vocabulary:

foraged-

bit-bucket-

vibration-

Questions:

1. Were there any incidents that were funny? What were they?
2. Why was Homily so worried?

3. Eggletina and Uncle Hendreary are mentioned. Where do you suppose they are? What is their story?

Chapter 4

Vocabulary:

mechanically-
badger-
groping-
draughts-
emigrate-

Questions:

1. What was the size of the doll’s tea cup?
2. What did Pod mean by “I been seen”? Why was that so awful?

3. Where do Hendreary and Lupy leave?

4. What is so bad about Hendreary and Lupy’s life?

Chapter 5

Vocabulary:
crouched-
sillabub-
falter-
parquet-
crumpets-
Questions:

1. Why did Arrietty’s parents get her out of bed?

2. Why did the other little people leave?

Chapter 6

Vocabulary:

- ventured-
- hankering-
- cooped up-
- conviction-
- ecstatic-
Questions:

1. What were the gates in the passage for?

2. What happened to Eggletina?

3. Why did they tell Arrietty about Eggletina?

4. Why didn’t Arrietty like staying in the house?

Chapter 7

Vocabulary:

essentials-
singed-
inferno-
Questions:

1. Why did Pod and Homily decide to let Arrietty start learning to borrow?

2. Why did Pod stick to kitchen borrowing?

3. What did Arrietty see for the first time?

Chapter 8

Vocabulary:

embedded-

antennae-

gnarled-

Questions:
1. What big adventures does Arrietty have?

2. The last sentence in the chapter has suspense. “Something had glittered. Arrietty stared.”
What do you think will happen?

Chapter 9

Vocabulary:

faltered-
appease-
exaggerated-

Questions:

1. Who saw Arrietty?
Chapter 10

Vocabulary:

exploits-

decanter-

Questions:

1. Why do you think the boy talks to Arrietty?

2. What did Arrietty learn?

3. Why did Arrietty cry?

4. What does Arrietty say is the difference between borrowing and stealing? What do you think?
Chapter 11

Vocabulary:

sarcastic-

Questions:

1. Why do you suppose Arrietty did not tell her parents about the boy?

2. Why did Arrietty write the letter? What do you think will happen?

Chapter 12

Vocabulary:

pilaster-

ferret-

trice-

scullery-
Questions:

1. Arrietty had problems getting out of her safe world. What did Homily really want that made Pod go UPSTAIRS?

2. Why couldn’t Arrietty give the letter to the boy?

3. What did Arrietty learn from listening to Mrs. Driver and Crampfurl?

4. What do you think Arrietty must do? What will happen?

Chapter 13

Vocabulary:

barrier-

shrouded-

obscured-
Questions:

1. What was Arrietty worried about?

2. What message did the boy have? What do you think that meant?

Chapter 14

Vocabulary:

imperative-

Questions:

1. How did Pod and Homily act after they discovered that Arrietty was talking to the boy?

2. Why is Pod so upset?
3. What are human beans?

4. What will the boy do next?

Chapter 15

Vocabulary:

- golliwog-
- placatingly-
- turmoil-
- presumably-
- gingerly-
- vigorously-
- ecstatically-

Questions:
1. What was the most exciting part of this chapter?

2. Why did the boy do this?

Chapter 16

Vocabulary:

phase-
calculated-
disheveled-
cackle-
endeavor-
irked-
depleted-

Questions:

1. How did life change for the Borrowers?
2. How did the Borrowers repay the boy?

3. What did Arreitty learn?

4. What was the Borrowers’ one sadness?

5. How did Pod feel about all this?

6. Make a prediction. What was going to get the Borrowers in trouble? Who is going to catch them?

Chapter 17

Questions:

1. How did Mrs. Driver try to catch the thieves?
2. Was this chapter exciting? Was there suspense? How did the author do this?

Chapter 18

Vocabulary:

assent-
tremulous-
appeased-
crafty-
malicious-

Questions:

1. Is there a villain in this story?

Chapter 19

Vocabulary:
Questions:

1. What did the policeman think about the little people story?

2. Was the cat a help for Mrs. Driver?

3. Why do you think the boy took the pick-ax and smashed the grating?

Chapter 20

Vocabulary:

stoats-

haws-
Questions:

1. Mrs. May had her ideas of what happened to the Borrowers. What did she do for them?