

Chapter 28

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After reading the chapter carefully, answer the following questions. You will need to look back through the text to find the answers.

1. Why does Harper Lee write in such detail about the children's journey to the school?
2. Scout summarises Mrs Merriweather's historical outline of Maycomb, why does Lee include this information?
3. Why do you think Harper Lee has Judge Taylor, rather than any other character, finding Scout's mistake so funny?
4. How does Lee make the the walk home menacing, before the children are attacked?
5. What does Atticus's conversation with Heck Tate on the telephone tell us about Atticus?
6. As Aunt Alexandra helps Scout remove the ham costume, she repeats a word three times three times; what is it and what does it show us about her changing relationship with Scout?
7. Why do you think Scout gives so little time to the description of the man who carried Jem home?
8. How does Harper Lee build the tension from the moment Heck Tate enters the house?

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1. Why does Scout draw attention to Scout's appearance at the opening of this chapter?
2. Why do you think Heck Tate wonders aloud if any of the neighbours heard the children calling out when they thought it was Cecil Jacobs following them?
3. What does Heck Tate mean when he refers to Bob Ewell as, '... mean as hell. Low-down skunk with enough liquor in him to make him brave enough to kill children. He'd never have met you face to face.'?
4. Why does Lee have Scout repeat what happened to the two children when we, as readers, already know?
5. Using Scout's remarks, describe Arthur 'Boo' Radley.
6. Scout isn't frightened to Arthur so how does she know it's him?