

Chapter 3

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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 tell of Calpurnia reprimanding Scout near the beginning of this chapter? What does this, and Atticus's response to Scout's complaint, show us?
2. Scout reports the incident between Burris Ewell and Miss Fisher in detail, why does the exchange become so heated and what does it hint at to the reader? You may need to re-visit this question when you have read more of the novel.
3. Atticus's famous comment, 'You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view –' is in this chapter; what do you think it means?
4. What do we learn about the Ewells from Burris Ewell and from Atticus in this chapter? What is your impression of them from the information given?
5. Why does the chapter end with Atticus reading out the newspaper report of the man who sat on a flagpole for no reason? Think about Jem and Scout's reaction to the news, what Jem and then Scout do next and the way in which Atticus deals with it.

Chapter 4

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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. Looking back, what does Scout think of her education? How is her description of it made funny by Lee?
2. What does Scout find in the oak tree and what does Jem make her do with it? Why does he do this and why does Scout obey?
3. What do the children find next in the oak tree? Why do they wonder what they should do about their discovery?
4. What does Dill tell the others when he arrives? How does Harper Lee imply that he is making it up?
5. How does Scout end up in the Radleys' front yard?
6. When the children play the game of 'Boo Radley' what do they include in the story they make up? What does this show us about their maturity?
7. How do we know Atticus is angry with the children for their game and why do you think he is?
8. What frightens Scout so much that she can not even tell Jem?