

# STIG OF THE DUMP

## Guided Reading Questions and Activities

### Chapter 2: Digging With Stig

#### Day 1 (AF2)

1. Why didn't Barney want to go into town?
2. Why was Barney doubting that Stig was real?
3. What gifts does Barney give to Stig on his first visit?
4. Why did Barney need to go home?

**Challenge:** What quotes does Barney remember his Grandfather saying?

#### Day 2 (AF3)

1. How do you think Barney felt when he couldn't see the hole that he had made the day before?
2. Why might Barney have expected Stig to take the apple in his teeth?
3. What does Stig's attitude towards nettle stings tell you about him as a person?
4. Why would Stig not want people to know he was in the den?

**Challenge:** Do you think Barney liked Stig's den as much as the first time he visited?

#### Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. What simile is used to describe the flint that Barney and Stig found in the chalk?
2. What simile is used to describe the tree that leant over the pit?
3. How should, "Really, Barney!" be read?
4. What type of question is, "You couldn't hammer glass flat, could you?"

**Challenge:** Stig doesn't speak in this chapter. How does Clive King help us to understand what Stig is thinking?

#### Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. Do people still bottle tomatoes and store apples like it says in the story?
2. Do you think playing a trick on Stig was the right thing to do?
3. Do you agree that the chimney was Barney's invention?
4. How does Stig's present for Barney link to what Barney said about flint at the beginning of the chapter?

**Challenge:** Can you think of any other stories where the main character meets a character from another world?



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1. Barney didn't want to go to town because he wanted to visit Stig.
2. Barney doubted Stig was real because he thought Stig may have been an hallucination caused by hitting his head.
3. Barney gave Stig apples and carrots as a present.
4. Barney had to go home for his lunch.

**Challenge:** The quotes Barney remembers are 'well, well' and 'that's that'.

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1. When he could not see the hole, Barney felt worried that he had imagined Stig. He may have felt stupid and silly.
2. Barney may have expected Stig to take the apple in his teeth because he thought he was savage or uncivilised, like an animal.
3. Stig's attitude to nettle stings shows us that he is tough and so used to them that he doesn't care.
4. Stig would not want people to know he's in his den because he is afraid of being found and forced to leave.

Challenge: Barney was put off by the smoke and lack of windows. This tells us that when Barney looked at Stig's den in a practical way, it was not so appealing.

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1. The simile used for the flint was 'like a fossil monster'.
2. The simile used for the tree was 'camel-neck'.
3. "Really, Barney!" should be read as an exclamation.
4. "You couldn't hammer glass flat, could you?" is a rhetorical question.

**Challenge:** Clive King helps us understand what Stig is thinking by showing us his actions and describing Barney's thoughts and reactions to them.

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1. Most modern people will buy their apples and tomatoes from a shop and will not bottle and jar them themselves.
2. Playing a trick on Stig was a bit unkind as at first it upset Stig. Barney did not know Stig well enough at this point to understand the reaction Stig would have to the trick.
3. The chimney was Barney's idea as Stig did not know what a chimney was.

**Challenge:** Other stories where the main character meets a character from another world include Harry Potter, the Chronicles of Narnia, E.T etc.