



Comprehension questions

1. Explain the meanings of the following phrases.
 - A. sober eyes
 - B. I am infinitely older than you
 - C. The eyes of the living will slip from you
 - D. the right of abode
2. Why do you think Bod asked so many questions?
3. 'Silas shook his head but said nothing.' What does this tell you about him?
4. 'Some skills cannot be mastered by the living.' What do you think Silas is referring to?
5. Bod says he wants to be like Silas but Silas disagrees. Why does he disagree?
6. Why was Ezekiel Ulmsley's stone so important to Bod?
7. What do you think Silas did when he went 'off into the world'?



Reading activities

1

Choose three words to describe Bod and find evidence in the text to support your choices. Discuss it with a partner.

2

Choose three words to describe Silas and find evidence in the text to support your choices. Compare Silas to Bod by discussing your answer with a partner or group.



Writing tasks

1

Rewrite this text from Silas' point of view. How does he see Bod? What is his opinion of him? What are his feelings towards him?

2

Write your own ghost story. Include moments of suspense and mystery.

3

Graveyards can be spooky at night. Write a recount of walking through a graveyard at night. Remember that, in the dark, what you can see will be limited but that sounds, smells and other senses will become sharper.



Speak up!

We teach ourselves more than we are taught.
Do you agree?