

When things are not explained literally in a text, you can use clues to reach a logical conclusion. This is called inference.

Read the short story then answer the questions in full sentences.

## **The Wind in the Willows**

### **The River Bank (Adapted)**

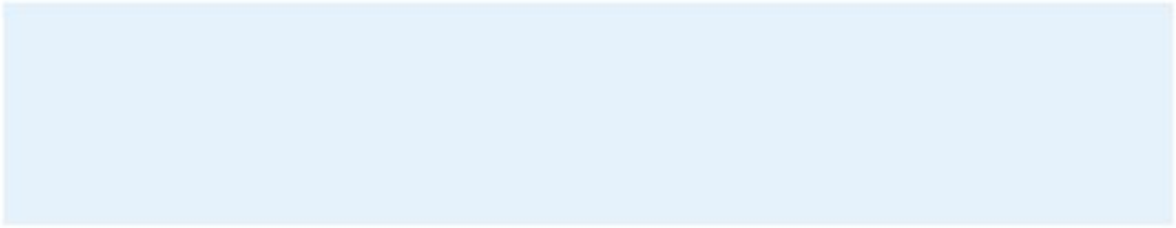
The Mole had been working very hard all the morning, spring-cleaning his little home. First with brooms, then with dusters; then on ladders and steps and chairs, with a brush and a bucket of white paint; till he had dust in his throat and eyes, and splashes of white paint all over his black fur, and an aching back and tired arms. Spring was in the air above and in the earth below and even in his dark and simple little house. It was small wonder, then, that he suddenly threw down his brush on the floor, said, "Bother!" and "O blow!" and also "Hang spring-cleaning!" and ran out of the house without even waiting to put on his coat. Something up above was calling him and he made for the steep little tunnel that would take him nearer to the sun and air. So, he scraped and scratched and scabbled, and then he scabbled and scratched and scraped, working busily with his little paws and muttering to himself, "Up we go! Up we go!" till at last, pop! His snout came out into the sunlight and he found himself rolling in the warm grass of a great meadow.

"This is fine!" he said to himself. "This is better than painting!" The sunshine felt hot on his fur, soft breezes stroked his heated brow, and after the loneliness of the cellar he had lived in so long, the song of happy birds fell on his ears almost like a shout. Jumping off all his four legs at once, in the joy of living and the delight of spring without its cleaning, he chased his way across the meadow till he reached the hedge on the other side.

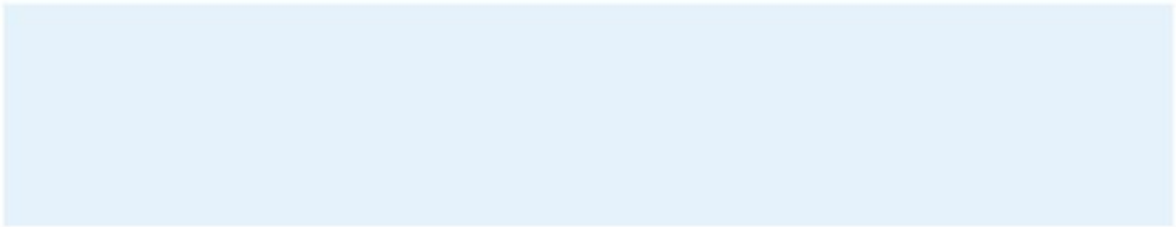
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1. How do we know that Mole did not like spring cleaning? How can you tell?



2. Why did Mole have 'an aching back and weary arms'?



3. What leads you to think that Mole lived under the ground? Find and copy clues from the text.



4. How does the description of the grass and the sun help to tell you the time of day?



5. Where do you think Mole was going? What do you think he was going to do?

