

Tilly and the Badgers



Before you read:

What do you already know about badgers?

What do you think this book is about?

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I can create a character profile.

Read pages 5 - 14.

Create a character profile for Tilly.

Include information on: Appearance,
Personality
Habitat

Metalingustics

find the meaning of: bait

rambling

marmalade



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Read p 14 - 26

I can write a summary, including all the main points.

What is badger baiting? Write a summary including all the important points.

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Read p 27 - 35

Metalingustics: flouncing p29
suspicious p30
absent-mindedly p33
reflexology p34



I can identify figures of speech.

In this chapter there are some figures of speech used. This is a well known saying used to describe something, such as she was on the warpath. This does not mean she was actually on a path that led to a battle. It means that she was angry and looking for someone to argue with.

What other examples can you find in these pages?
Can you explain them?

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Read pages 36 - 44.

I can use inference to find information in text.

Tilly suggests that Cecil's family could be involved with the badger baiting.

What reasons does Tilly have for this?

Do you agree with these reasons?

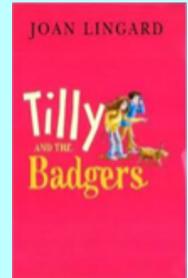
Explain why.

Tilly's reasons

1. Cecil's family have a private sign outside their drive.
2. Cecil knows a lot about badgers.
3. The house is in the middle of nowhere.
4. The family have only just moved into the district.
5. Cecil's family are a 'funny' lot!
6. Did the family move here as its quiet to hide what they were up to?
7. They have outbuildings.

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Read pages 45 - 56.



I can scan for specific information.

Make notes on Cecil Lawson's house.
Use these notes to write a detailed
description of the house **IN YOUR OWN
WORDS.**



Remember to highlight any words
you are unsure of.

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Read pages 57 - 64.

I can show my understanding of inference.

1. On p61 William said "I see what my dad meant about them not being friendly."
What does he mean? Give examples of not being friendly.
2. How did Tilly react when her Mum said Mrs Lawson was coming for a reflexology session? Why do you think she reacted this way?
3. Can you think of reasons Mrs Lawson might be stressed?

Metalingustics:

Discuss with a partner.

p57 flustered

p58 corrugated

p58 uncertainly

p60 lamely

p60 abruptly

p60 ushered

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Read p65 - 71

I can discuss figures of speech.

1. Getting information out of Cecil was like getting blood out of a stone. Explain what this means.
2. Her Mum liked to pick up gossip. What does this mean?
3. Tilly and William overhear Mr and Mrs Lawson arguing. What do you think they are arguing for? Why is it no way to live?

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Read pages 72- 82.

Metalingustics: carcasses p72
mauled p72
vehemently p80

I can develop a character profile.

Look back at the character profile you did early on about Tilly. What could you add to it now? Focus on her personality, what kind of person is she? Give evidence to support your points.

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Read Chapter 5

Metalingustics: (Discussion only) stalement p83
reluctantly p84
interrogated p84
gilt p92
presumed p92

I can show my understanding of the text

1. What does the author mean when it says 'Tilly got a bit of a **break**.'?
2. Who were the Lomaxes? Why is the album in the house?
3. Why does Tilly not want Cecil to read the notebook?
4. Why do you think the barn is padlocked?

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Read p 99-109



I can use inference.

1. Why did William grin when he asked Tilly if her foot hurt?
2. What do you think an Estate Manager does?
3. How do you think Tilly and William felt as they looked through the telescope?
4. Why did Mr Sheridan tell Tilly and William not to go looking for them?

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Read p 110 - 116

Metalingustics (discussion only)

ordnance survey map p111

lurchers p113

unnerved p113

tumbledown p114



I can use a step plan.

Create a step plan to show reasons why these men might be the Badger baiters.

Discuss: Why did Tilly and William tell their parents a lie about where they were? Why did Tilly cover her mouth at the end of the chapter?

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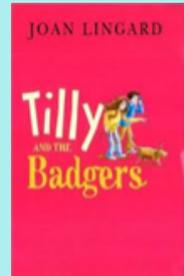
Read p 117 - 124



I can show my understanding of the text.

1. Why do you think Tilly and William stayed in their hiding place so long after the men left?
2. Why do you think Mr Sheridan didn't tell Tilly and William's parents about the police coming to see them?
3. On page 120 it says "Tilly allowing William to get his piece in." What does this tell you about Tilly?

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Read pages p125- 136

I can develop my understanding of a main character.

On p127 Tilly tossed her head and said "You're so smart!" to William. Why did she do this? Explain fully.

On page 129 after Tilly tells Mr Sheridan and William that Cecil's dad is the son of Mr Lomax, she sat back to enjoy her listeners' surprise. What does this tell us about Tilly? What else could we add to her character profile after these recent pages?

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Read Chapter 8

I can write a summary

The story comes to its conclusion and a number of issues are brought to an end. Write a short summary to sum up how these issues are resolved:

badger baiters

Cecil and his family

Tilly and her Mum.

Metalingustics: gadding p142
admiration p140

