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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Author:

Mark Haddon

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

In Chapter 13, Christopher explains prime numbers. How does this choice of chapter numbers help you understand the way he thinks?

Example answer: I think the prime number chapters show that Christopher likes things that follow clear rules. Prime numbers are special because they can only be divided in certain ways. This helps me understand that math feels organized and safe to him. It also makes the book feel like it is written in his own style.

Chapter 51

In Chapter 233, what message do you think the ending gives about courage, independence, and trust?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

In Chapter 109, Christopher's father tells him the truth about both his mother and Wellington. How does this change Christopher's trust in him?

Example answer: This changes Christopher's trust a lot because he finds out his father lied about something very important. I think Christopher feels scared because the person who was supposed to keep him safe did something wrong. Even though his father says he is sorry, Christopher cannot just believe him right away. Trust will have to be built again slowly.

In Chapter 223, Christopher's father tries to rebuild trust. What small steps does he take, and why do small steps matter?

Example answer: Christopher's father tries to rebuild trust by being patient and not forcing Christopher to forgive him quickly. He also gives him a dog, which shows he wants Christopher to feel safe and cared for. Small steps matter because trust is not fixed all at once after someone has been hurt. I think Christopher needs time to see that his father can be honest and gentle.

Chapter 1

In Chapter 2, what does Christopher find in Mrs. Shears's yard, and which details make the scene feel mysterious?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

In Chapter 229, what accomplishment are you most proud of Christopher for, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

In Chapter 227, Christopher thinks about what he has achieved. How has he changed since the beginning of the book?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

In Chapter 3, what do you learn about how Christopher understands people's faces and feelings?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

In Chapter 5, why does Christopher react strongly when the policeman touches him, and what does this show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

In Chapter 223, Christopher's father tries to rebuild trust. What small steps does he take, and why do small steps matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

In Chapter 211, how does Christopher show perseverance when he takes his exam?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

In Chapter 7, Christopher says he likes murder mystery stories. Why do you think this kind of story interests him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

In Chapter 11, what happens at the police station, and how does Christopher try to stay calm?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

In Chapter 199, Christopher thinks about stars, stories, or the universe. How does this big-picture thinking connect to the themes of truth and facts?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

In Chapter 197, Christopher wants to take his math exam. Why is this goal so important to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

In Chapter 13, Christopher explains prime numbers. How does this choice of chapter numbers help you understand the way he thinks?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

In Chapter 17, how does Christopher's father show that he cares, even though Christopher does not like normal hugs?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

In Chapter 193, how do the adults' actions affect Christopher's feeling of safety?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

In Chapter 191, what happens when Christopher finally reaches his mother, and how do both of them react?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

In Chapter 19, Christopher talks about metaphors and lies. Why are some kinds of language confusing for him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

In Chapter 23, what rules does Christopher's father give him about the mystery, and why might he give those rules?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

In Chapter 181, Christopher thinks about the brain and the mind. What does this tell you about how he understands people?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

In Chapter 179, Christopher is very frightened but still moves forward. What strategies does he use to cope?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

In Chapter 29, Christopher explains why he does not tell lies. Do you think telling the truth is always simple? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

In Chapter 31, Christopher begins asking neighbors questions. What makes him a good detective, and what might make it hard for him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

In Chapter 173, what problems does Christopher face in the London Underground, and how does he keep going?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

In Chapter 167, Christopher explains how maps help him. Why might maps feel more trustworthy than spoken directions?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

In Chapter 37, Christopher talks about Sherlock Holmes. What qualities does Christopher admire in Sherlock?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

In Chapter 41, Christopher describes good days and bad days. What do these ideas show about his need for patterns?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

In Chapter 163, what creates suspense while Christopher is on the train?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

In Chapter 157, how does Christopher react when the policeman finds him on the train, and why is he afraid?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

In Chapter 43, how does Christopher explain what happened to his mother, and what questions do you still have?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

In Chapter 47, Christopher connects colors with how his day will go. How can routines or signs help a person feel safer?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

In Chapter 151, Christopher depends on signs, maps, and directions. Why are these tools important to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

In Chapter 149, Christopher tries to buy a train ticket. What challenges does he face when talking to strangers?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

In Chapter 53, how does Christopher's relationship with his father seem complicated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

In Chapter 59, who do you think might have killed Wellington at this point in the story, and what clues make you think that?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

In Chapter 139, what makes the train station overwhelming for Christopher, and how does the author help you feel that stress?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

In Chapter 137, Christopher uses a rule or idea to choose the simplest explanation. How can this help a detective solve a problem?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

In Chapter 61, Christopher's thoughts move from one idea to another in a very logical way. How does this help you see the world through his eyes?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

In Chapter 67, what important information does Mrs. Alexander share with Christopher, and why is it surprising?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

In Chapter 131, how does Christopher use problem-solving skills to plan where to go next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

In Chapter 127, Christopher packs for his journey. What objects does he choose, and what do they tell you about what matters to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

In Chapter 71, Christopher talks about science and belief. What does this tell you about what he trusts?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

In Chapter 73, how does Christopher use facts, lists, or clear steps to help himself understand difficult things?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

In Chapter 113, why does Christopher decide he must leave, and what does this decision show about his courage?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

In Chapter 109, Christopher's father tells him the truth about both his mother and Wellington. How does this change Christopher's trust in him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

In Chapter 79, Mr. Jeavons notices that Christopher likes math. Why might math feel safer or clearer than people?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

In Chapter 83, Christopher describes memory like a movie. How is his memory different from yours, or how is it similar?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

In Chapter 107, Christopher reads more about why his mother left. How can a letter help readers understand a character better?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

In Chapter 103, Christopher imagines being an astronaut. What does this dream show about what he wants or needs?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

In Chapter 89, Christopher finds hidden letters. How does this discovery change the mystery of the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

In Chapter 97, how do the letters affect Christopher, and why is the truth so hard for him to take in?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

In Chapter 101, what do you learn about Christopher's mother from her letter, and how does it change your view of her?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
