Student Packet

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Note
The Puffin Books edition of the book, published by the Penguin Group, © 1998, was used to prepare this guide. The page references may differ in other editions.

Please note: Please assess the appropriateness of this book for the age level and maturity of your students prior to reading and discussing it with them.
Directions: Write a brief answer to each question as you read the novel at home or in class. Use the questions to guide your reading and prepare for class discussion.

Chapters 1–5, pp. 1–41
1. Why is the boy being raised by his father?
2. Why is the boy always covered with grease and oil?
3. What is unusual about the boy’s home?
4. What does the boy enjoy about the evenings spent with his father in their home?
5. Why might the boy’s father be thought of as stern?
6. What warning does the narrator offer about smiles?
7. Who is the Big Friendly Giant?
8. Of what does the BFG make his powders?
9. What do the powders do?
10. How does the BFG look the only time that Father sees him?
11. What mechanical interest does the boy share with his father?
12. What does the boy play with in his father’s workshop?
13. What compliment does Father give to his son?
14. Why doesn’t the boy start school until he is seven years old?
15. What can the boy do that most other seven year olds cannot do?
16. How is the kite able to fly by itself all night?
17. What might people think about the fireball?
18. Describe the exciting gift the boy gets on his eighth birthday.
19. Why are grown-ups “complicated creatures”?
20. What causes Danny to panic?
21. What phase of the moon does Danny see as he looks for his father?
22. What drink is Father making in the two mugs? What ingredients are used?
23. What is Father’s deep dark secret?
24. What does Danny learn about his grandfather?
25. How does Danny’s father describe the pheasant-shooting business?
26. Describe The Horsehair Stopper and The Sticky Hat.
27. Why does Danny want to accompany his father into the woods?
Venn Diagram

Directions: Use the Venn diagram below to list ways that Father and Mr. Hazell are alike and different.

Father

Same

Mr. Hazell

Same

________________________

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Directions: Write the solution for each problem as given in the novel.

Problems

1. Father is caught in a trap.

2. Father wants to poach 200 pheasants.

3. Captain Lancaster is cruel to Danny.

4. Mrs. Clipstone must deliver 120 pheasants.

Solutions
**Story Map**

**Directions:** Select five important events from the novel and put them sequentially into this flow chart. Be sure to choose events that cover the plot through the last chapter.
A. True/False: Mark each statement as either True (T) or False (F). If the statement is false, correct it so that it is true.

___ 1. Danny wishes he lived in a house rather than a gypsy caravan.

___ 2. Danny is able to fix cars at the age of five.

___ 3. The Horsehair Stopper is a poaching method.

___ 4. Danny takes a taxi to Hazell’s Wood to search for his father.

___ 5. Father is injured when he falls into a pit.

___ 6. People attend the great shooting party because they like Mr. Hazell.

B. Fill in the Blank

7. The BFG carries ___________________________ in his suitcase.

8. ___________________________ fall on the gypsy wagon when the wind blows.

9. Danny calls the amazing machine his father makes for him __________________________.

10. Pheasants are crazy about ___________________________.

11. To Danny, Doc Spencer looks like a(n) ___________________________.

12. Danny’s grandfather always tested his poaching methods on ___________________________ before trying them on pheasants.

13. Doc Spencer tells Danny that to catch a trout you need to ___________________________ it.

14. Mrs. Spencer makes a __________ __________ _________ for Danny and his father.

15. The pheasants in Hazell’s Wood are guarded by ___________________________ until they roost in the trees.

16. According to Father, the best time to poach pheasants is ___________________________.
B. Identification

___ 1. Danny’s best friend
___ 2. the inventor of The Sleeping Beauty
___ 3. Danny’s school teacher
___ 4. kind, elf-like friend of Danny’s father
___ 5. village policeman
___ 6. head keeper in Hazell’s Wood
___ 7. pheasant delivery person
___ 8. Danny’s father
___ 9. taxi driver who picks up the poachers
___ 10. snobby landowner
___ 11. headmaster at Danny’s school

A. William
B. Mrs. Clipstone
C. Enoch Samways
D. Doc Spencer
E. Danny
F. Victor Hazell
G. Mr. Rabbetts
H. Captain Lancaster
I. Mr. Snoddy
J. Sidney Morgan
K. Charlie Kinch
Danny the Champion of the World

Novel Test

A. Fill in the Blank

1. According to Father, a great ___________________________ is a great artist.

2. One of Father’s many friends is ________________________________.

3. While Danny and his father walk to school, they discuss ____________________________.

4. Danny and his father poach _____________________________ pheasants in Hazell’s Wood.

5. Mrs. Clipstone delivers pheasants in a(n) ________________________________.

6. For their next adventure, Danny and his father plan to ________________________________.

B. Multiple Choice: Circle the letter for the BEST answer to each question.

___ 7. Another name for the Baby Austin is the
   (a) Awesome Austin  
   (b) Baby Soapo  
   (c) Austin Seven  
   (d) Hazell’s Hotrod

___ 8. Which character serves as the villain in the novel?
   (a) Victor Hazell  
   (b) Doc Spencer  
   (c) Mr. Snoddy  
   (d) Sergeant Samways

___ 9. Which of the following is the MAIN reason Danny is the champion of the world?
   (a) Danny rescues his father from a pit.
   (b) Danny invents The Sleeping Beauty poaching method.
   (c) Danny keeps Mr. Snoddy’s secret to himself.
   (d) Danny denies Captain Lancaster’s accusations.

___ 10. After they are released, the pheasants fly
    (a) to the great shooting party
    (b) in the opposite direction of Hazell’s Wood
    (c) into the village
    (d) through the gates of the vicarage

___ 11. Which of the following is the MAIN reason Father dislikes Victor Hazell?
    (a) Mr. Hazell hunts pheasants.
    (b) Mr. Hazell is a roaring snob.
    (c) Mr. Hazell threatens to give Danny a hiding.
    (d) Mr. Hazell sends inspectors to the filling station.
Answer Key

Activity #1: Answers will vary.

Study Guide

Chapters 1–5: 1. The boy is being raised by his father because his mother died suddenly when he was four months old (p. 1). 2. The boy helps in his father's automobile repair shop (p. 3). 3. The boy lives in a 150-year-old gypsy wagon (pp. 2, 5). 4. The boy loves listening to stories, watching the fire in the wood stove, and he loves the closeness of his father (p. 7). 5. The father smiles with his eyes instead of his mouth (p. 9). 6. A mouth-smile without an eye-smile is phony (p. 9). 7. The BFG, who is three times as tall as an ordinary man, is a character in one of the father's stories (p. 9). 8. The powders make children have fantastic dreams that become reality (p. 13). 10. The BFG appears to be very tall, wears a black cloak, and carries a suitcase and a blow pipe for catching dreams (pp. 13–14). 11. The boy shares his father's interest in engines and automobiles (p. 15). 12. The boy plays with cogs, springs, and pistons (p. 15). 13. Father says that his son is the best five-year-old mechanic in the world (p. 15). 14. Father wants to teach his son to be a mechanic before he begins school (p. 16). 15. The boy can properly disassemble and assemble a car engine (p. 16). 16. The kite is tied to steps where the wind keeps it afloat (p. 19). 17. People might mistake the fireball for a flying saucer (p. 21). 18. The boy receives a machine made of soapboxes on bike wheels that he can ride fast downhill (p. 23). 19. Grown-ups are complicated because they have quirks, secrets, and private habits that would make you gasp (p. 25). 20. The boy becomes panicked because he cannot find his father during the night, although he has searched everywhere (pp. 25–27). 21. The boy sees the new moon (p. 27). 22. Father makes hot chocolate using cocoa powder and sugar (p. 29). 23. Father's secret is that he goes into the woods at night to poach pheasants (p. 29). 24. The boy learns that his grandfather was also a poacher (p. 30). 25. According to Danny's father, rich people buy baby pheasants, fatten them up, and shoot them (pp. 30, 32). 26. The Horsehair Stopper is made by putting a horsehair in a raisin. When a pheasant eats the raisin, it gets stuck in its throat, and the pheasant does not move its feet (p. 36). The Sticky Hat involves putting a paper cone with glue spread around the edge in the ground. When the pheasant tries to eat the raisins from the cone, its eyes are covered by the "hat" and it cannot see (p. 39). 27. Answers will vary, but Father began poaching with his own dad when he was Danny's age (p. 41).

Chapters 6–10: 1. Mr. Hazell once threatened Danny while the boy was pumping gasoline (p. 43). 2. Because at twilight everything in the woods becomes veiled and shady, and it isn’t easy for a keeper to see a poacher (p. 47). 3. A poacher can’t catch a pheasant at night. At night pheasants fly into the trees to roost. They never sleep on the ground (p. 47). 4. Danny is afraid because his father is nearly four hours late returning from the woods (p. 51). 5. He decides to drive the Baby Austin to Hazell's Wood (p. 52). 6. Danny starts the ignition, pulls out the choke lever, presses the starter button, and starts the motor (pp. 52–53). 7. a police car (p. 57) 8. Danny avoids the police officer by driving through a gap in the hedge by the side of the road (p. 58). 9. Father falls into a pit and injures his ankle (pp. 65–66). 10. Danny uses a rope to help his father climb out of the pit trap (p. 69). 11. Danny drives the Baby Austin, and his father helps him steer (p. 73). 12. Doc Spencer (p. 74) 13. Doc Spencer does not like Victor Hazell because he sets traps for humans, and he kicked the doctor's dog (p. 81). 14. a cold meat pie, which is a crusted pie with a meat and boiled egg filling (pp. 85–86) 15. His father is quieter than usual, broods a great deal, and stands alone gazing in the direction of Hazell's Wood (p. 87). 16. the best pheasant shoot in the South of England (p. 90)