

These questions are about the extract from  
'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian.



- 1.) How old is Patsy Finch? (2 marks)

*Patsy Finch is nine years old.*

- 2.) Where are the children in this extract? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

*The children are in a school classroom. I know this because the extract refers to desks, pupils and books. It also says there is a 'nature table' on line 24. All of these are things that can be found in a school classroom.*

- 3.) Write a synonym for the following words: (3 marks)

- a.) exhilarated (line 7) = *thrilled*
- b.) perched (line 18) = *balanced*
- c.) simmering (line 18) = *warming*

- 4.) Which season does Magorian suggest it is in the extract? Give two pieces of evidence from the text. (3 marks)

*In the extract, Magorian suggests it is winter. She refers to milk simmering on the stove which is a drink to keep the children warm. She also refers to the children's socks hanging on the fire-guard which could be because their feet became wet from the snow. Magorian suggested it had snowed because, on lines 22 - 23, she says that the windows had looked 'very pretty' when the first snow settled there.*

- 5.) Are the following statements about the text true or false? (5 marks)

*Example: Willie sits in the front row = .....True.....*

- a.) Patsy Finch has blue eyes = *False* (they are light brown - line 2)
- b.) Willie has had a proper desk before = *False* (line 7)
- c.) Ginnie is the eldest in the class = *False* (Ginnie sits in the third row but the eldest sat in the fourth row - lines 15-16)
- d.) Zach and Fred sit next to each other = *True* (lines 10-11)
- e.) There are four rows of desks = *True* (lines 17-18)

- 6.) Do you think Magorian wants the reader to think of the location in the extract as pleasant or unpleasant? Give reasons for your answer. (3 marks)

*I think Magorian wants the reader to think that the location of the classroom is pleasant. I think this because firstly, she describes Willie as feeling 'exhilarated' with his desk and he wouldn't feel that way if he didn't like being at school. Secondly, she tells the reader that there is milk warming on the stove and socks drying by the fire. This suggests that the school allows the children to feel comfortable and looks after them in the cold weather. This is a pleasant location.*