

2. To what do the following words in the text refer? (./15)

it (line 7) What? Matthew's voice  
none (line 15) What? no reply  
we (line 34) Who? people in general  
one (line 47) what? a companion  
next door (line 65) where? the neighbour's garden

3. What kind of book do you think this comes from? And where in the book? (./12)

a novel? an autobiography? a family story?  
a horror story? science fiction?

4. What is the relationship between the narrator and Matthew? (./1)

father and son? or the narrator could be Matthew's  
older brother/uncle/grandfather

5. Why does the narrator think the way that Matthew is talking is peculiar? (./12)

Matthew is answering questions but there's no one there  
asking questions (today with mobile phones this is  
normal). Also the questions are strange.

6. Where exactly are the narrator and Matthew while Matthew is talking? (./12)

The narrator is in the garden shed working.  
Matthew is very close. He is sitting outside with  
his back against the shed, just under the window.

7. According to the text in what way might 32 and 8 be better than 24, 7, 30 and 31? (./12)

Because they are divisible by 2, 4 and 8, so it would be  
easier to divide the week or month into equal halves  
and quarters. Unlike our present system for hours, days  
and months (24, 7, 30 and 31) it would be more logical

8. Who is Colin and what is his relationship with Matthew? (./12)

He's the neighbour's son and one of Matthew's friends.

9. How does the narrator feel while Matthew is talking? Circle the best answer: (./1)

a. shocked    b. very worried    c. confused    d. amused

10. What do we know about Chocky from the text? (./12)

He or she isn't physically present in the garden. He or she  
asks a lot of difficult questions and is curious (and a bit  
bossy? Demanding?) Matthew seems to know him/her quite well  
and has talked to him/her before and trusts him/her

11. Who do you think Chocky is? (./1)

If wrote an imaginary friend, that's OK.

In fact, Chocky is a female alien talking to  
Matthew telepathically from another planet.