

Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What happens in Christopher's dream in chapter 229? What makes it so special?

2. How does he feel when the dream is over?

3. How does he manage to find his mother's house?

4. Imagine for a moment that you are Christopher's mother. What would be going through your mind when Christopher turned up at your house? How would you react? What questions might you have?

5. How do Christopher's parents talk about him? Is it in an affectionate way? Do you think they are really being overprotective of him? Explain.

6. What do you think will happen to Chris in the future? Do you think he will have a successful life? Why or why not?

7. What is the gift Christopher's dad gives him at the end of the story?

8. Do you think the final chapter is like a detective story, or was the mystery solved earlier in the story? What elements of this novel are similar to a mystery/detective story?

9. How would you describe Christopher's family once he moves back to Swindon? What has changed for the better? How has his mother changed, how has his father changed?

Reader Response Questions:

1. At the end of the chapter 227 Mother says, "Everything's going to be all right, I promise." Talk about whether you believe her, whether you think Christopher believes her, and whether you think she believes herself.

#2: How does Mark Haddon use the first person narrator in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*? Explain very simply what method of narration Haddon uses, through which character, in what kind of story. You should think about, why Mark Haddon might have chosen to use the first person narrator? The positive things about using the first person narrator, and how Mark Haddon has made the most of them. What are the disadvantages of using the first person narrator, and how Mark Haddon has tried to get round some of them?