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Air Raid

Worksheet 1

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1. When do you think this story could have happened?
2. What is a crater? Where could we see some today?
3. Who was Old Tin Hat? Why had the boys given him that nickname?
4. Use an encyclopaedia or the internet to find out about air raid wardens. What did they do?
5. What does defuse mean? Sometimes we hear of situations being defused. What do you think that means?
6. Why do you think the author describes the curtains in the way she does on page 7?
7. What is a gas mask and when would it be used?
8. Why did Harry think everything was sad (page 12)?
9. Find the meanings of the words 'splintered' and 'wedged' (page 15).
10. How do you think the dog was feeling when Harry shone his torch on him?



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1. Why was the dog called Raf?
2. Find the meanings of the words soothingly and mournful.
3. How do you think Raf was feeling on pages 20 & 21? What is your evidence?
4. What do you think was causing the red glow in the night sky?
5. What made the swishing whooshing whistling sound?
6. What does the author mean when he says (page 24) 'until the breath hurt in their throats'?
7. Find another word that means 'magnificent' (page 25).
8. Why do you think Harry said, 'if we get home'?
9. Were the cellars far underground? What makes you think that?
10. What do you think will happen to Raf, since he is lapping up puddles in the cellar?



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Worksheet 3

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1. Why did Harry (page 31) stop speaking and catch his breath?
2. How do you think the boys felt now?
3. Why would there be the sound of dripping, and the walls be wet?
4. Was it a long tunnel? What is your evidence?
5. How did the boys know Raf was drunk?
6. In your own words describe how they transported Raf.
7. Why on page 40, were the boys horrified?
8. How would you feel if this happened to you? How could you change the situation?
9. What does a 'chink of light' mean? How do you know?
10. Why do you think the author uses the word 'avalanche' on page 44?



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Worksheet 4

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1. The boys are being very careful around the bomb on page 48, why?
2. Who do you think the captain was speaking to on page 52?
3. Who was Old Tin Hat, and what had he already told the boys to do?
4. In your own words describe the rescue operation.
5. Why do you think Old Tin Hat wanted to leave the dog till last?
6. Why did the warden say that the captain was the hero?
7. Why were the boys surprised when the warden pushed his hat back, and why do you think they thought what they did?
8. Why did the author say the defused bomb was like a beached whale?
9. Write this story from Raf's point of view.
10. What do you think would happen now?