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Never Wash Your Hair

Worksheet 1

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1. What was Tom's problem?
2. Describe his mother's attitude.
3. Why do you think she reacted like this?
4. List, in order, the steps taken to clean Tom's head.
5. In your own words describe what was in Tom's hair.
6. How many head monkeys did Tom catch and what did he name them?
7. What word might describe the reaction of the doctor to Tom and the head monkeys? Use your dictionary to check its full meaning, and then your thesaurus to find an alternative.
8. What had Tom and Nick been doing on the Saturday?
9. Why do you think the doctor said it was all top secret?
10. Write about being evicted, from the viewpoint of a head monkey.



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Worksheet 2

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1. Why do you think Tom said what he did on page 17?
2. Why did Tom think it unlikely that the head monkeys would be in his sister's hair?
3. What do you think Tom meant when he said his Dad's head was like a skating rink?
4. Describe Tom's hair, then Nick's.
5. What did Tom see when he looked in Nick's hair?
6. Do you think he liked what he saw? What is your evidence?
7. What did Tom call Nick's monkeys and how did he get to have one on his hand?
8. In your own words describe Professor McAndrew.
9. What did Tom feel when he watched Professor McAndrew watching Nick's monkeys?
10. Use an encyclopaedia or the internet to research macaque monkeys – where do they usually live?



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Worksheet 3

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1. Were the boys impressed by the appearance of the university?
What is your evidence?
2. 'He smiled as if his eyes didn't know what his mouth was doing'.
What does the author mean by this?
3. Did Tom like Sir George? Why do you think that?
4. What do you think the relationship between Professor McAndrew
and Professor Barron is like? Give evidence to support your
answer.
5. What happened at Professor McAndrew's house?
6. What were Professor Barron and Sir George planning to do?
7. Why did Angela feel betrayed?
8. What was said and by whom that motivated their escape?
9. Who did Angela think wanted to turn the monkeys into a circus act?
Why would she think that?
10. Find out the meanings of the following words, then write an
alternative word that could be used in the story:
scarpered heaved pesticide colony rage blustering.



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Worksheet 4

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1. What made Tom and Nick tell where they'd been on the Saturday?
2. Find another word to replace fascinated.
3. What story did they decide to use to keep the monkeys away from Professor Barron and Sir George Montgomery.
4. What does the word quarantine mean?
5. Where was Angela trying to get made an SSSI, and why?
6. How did Nick and Tom get rid of the monkeys?
7. List the things Tom was looking forward to once he got home. What three things do you miss when you are away from home?
8. Did everything work out happily for Tom? What is your evidence?
9. Complete a character sketch for Professor Angela McAndrew.

Physical attributes:

Personality:

Job / Qualifications:

10. Now do the same for Phil Jenkinson.