

## Wise Old Owl



Amy loved this place. It's where she came when she wanted to dream.

Sitting in the comforting tangle of roots beneath the silver tree, Amy let her thoughts drift. It was so peaceful here: the dell was bathed in a milky light that leaked through the canopy above. The only sound that could be heard was the relaxing trickle of the stream that waltzed its way through this labyrinth of serenity.

A barn owl, perching on a nearby, ivy-covered tree, ruffled its hazelnut brown feathers, gazing at Amy with its wide, round eyes.

Butterflies danced gracefully through the hazy air, enjoying the dell as much as Amy did, if not more.

Seconds turned into minutes, minutes into hours. It felt as if she was caught in a dream, a blissfully happy dream.

Then, to the little girl in the dell's surprise, the owl spoke...

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1) How do you know the tree is old?

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2) Why do you think the tangled roots were comforting for the girl as she sat on them?

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3) What sound could the girl hear \_\_\_\_\_

4) What does the word 'trickle' mean?

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5) What about this place did the girl like?

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6) Look in paragraph that starts 'A barn owl .....' Copy one word which suggests 'out of place, messy' \_\_\_\_\_

7) How do we know the butterflies enjoyed the dell?

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8) Which phrase suggests that a lot of time passes.?

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9) Find two words that give the impression that the dell is a very nice place to be for the girl to dream. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

10) What is your impression of the girl? Use evidence from the text to explain why?

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11) How do we know the owl is no ordinary owl?

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12) Is the owl friendly or not. How do you know?

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