

Missing May is written by Cynthia Ryant. It is a level P book. This comprehension packet has vocabulary, comprehension questions, prediction boxes, and a place for students to share questions and comments about this book.

Missing May (P)  
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Chapter 1

New word: whirligig (6)-

1. How did Summer end up with May and Ob?

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2. Why was Summer so happy when she finally ended up with May and Ob?

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Chapter 2

Descriptive language is words that are descriptive.

1. List three describing words (adjectives) about May or her personality.

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2. How did the mood change after May died?

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3. What did May mean when she said her mom was with her even though she had died?

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Chapter 3

1. Who is Cletus and what does he like to do?

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Chapter 4

New word: surreal (26)-

1. Write the root word of disapproval and the meaning of its prefix.

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2. Find two compound words on page 26 and write them below.

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3. Why does Ob want Cletus at the house more?

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### Chapter 5

New words:

optimism (34)-

socialites (36)-

consoler-

grieve-

concrete (39)-

visions-

1. Why didn't Summer and Ob get the change to grieve properly?

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2. How did Cletus help them Ob and May through the grieving process?

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### Part 2 Set Free

### Chapter 6

New words:

infernal darkness- awful darkness

denouement- the falling action or what happens after a story takes a turn

due to events.

vitaly important- necessary

silhouette- outline of something (usually a person), dark against a light background

1. On p. 43 Summer says, "I did not stay lost for long". How was Summer lost?

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Predict

What do you think Cletus's directions will be?

Chapter 7

New words

sanitorium (53)-

renaissance men (55)-

1. What gifts does Cletus have?

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2. On p. 56 it says "Pretty soon we'll all be in Ob's Valiant, traveling..."

What is a Valiant? \_\_\_\_\_

What context clue could you use to help you determine the meaning of the word if you didn't know it? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 8

atlas (59)-

adoration (61)-

indifference-

astonishment (62)-

affectionate-

deterioration-

serene-

vulnerable-

shrapnel-  
exaggeration (65)-

1. What do *you* think causes fear?

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2. What did Summer compare Mr. Underwood to?

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3. What features did Mr. Underwood have that led Summer to this conclusion?

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4. Why didn't Ob tell the truth to Mr. and Mrs. Underwood about their trip?

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## Chapter 9

New words

parthenon (70)-

majestic (71)-

Write the root of the following words and the meaning of its prefix or suffix.

unloading-

profound-

1. And with that our trip to Putnam was launched.

What word could you replace launched with? \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter 10

New words/terms.

passed on(72)-

welcome wagon (73)-

telepathically-  
imbecile-  
dumbfounded-  
feeble attempts (74)-  
sorrowfully (75)-  
declining (77)-  
unwilling-

1. What do you think Ob was thinking when he learned that Reverend Young had died?

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2. What made Ob turn around?

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## Chapter 11

New words

eavesdropped (81)-

tranquility (84)-

1. What change happened to Ob? What do you think caused that change?

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2. What did Summer mean when she said they soaked in all of the Science and Culture center?

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3. What finally made Summer cry?

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## Chapter 12

Questions and Comments

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