

Grade 7

Chapter: Maggie Cuts Her Hair

Word/Meaning:

1. Willingly: quite readily
2. Catch it: get scolded or punished
3. Forbidden: not allowed
4. Snip: a quick cut
5. Uneven: not smooth or tidy
6. Triumph: victory
7. Wilful: stubborn
8. Severe: harsh, scolding
9. Directly: at once
10. Dreadful: terrible
11. Influence: effect
12. Endurance: ability to bear pain

Answer these questions:

Q1. "Come upstairs with me, Tom". Why did Maggie want her brother to go upstairs with her?

Ans: Maggie wanted her brother to go upstairs with her to help her in cutting her hair.

Q2. "You'll catch it!" What exactly did Tom mean by that?

Ans: Tom meant that Maggie would be soundly scolded for cutting off her hair.

Q3. She stood with a sense of freedom **as if she had come out from a wood into the open plain.** Freedom from what? What is compared to a wood and to the the open plain?

Ans: Maggie felt free and light after cutting her thick and curly hair. Maggie's thick and curly hair is compared to a wood and the light mane left after chopping the locks is compared to the open plain.

Q4. In paragraph 15, we read that Maggie's cheeks began to grow pale and her lips trembled a little. What was it that caused such a change in her?

Ans: It was the fear of being scolded by everyone for the act which she had done in hurry without thinking the after effects. This caused such a change in her.

Q5. State true or false:

(a) Tom and Maggie were both wilful children but Tom showed it much less in his actions. **NOT TRUE**

(b) Both were often scolded as being naughty. **NOT TRUE**

(c) Maggie was first excited and then worried by her action. **TRUE**

(d) Aunt Glegg was more critical of Maggie than Uncle Glegg. **TRUE**

(e) Maggie was greatly comforted by her father taking her side, and he had done so on other occasions too. **TRUE**

Q6. How did Tom succeed in making Maggie come to the table? What did he do and say?

Ans: Tom succeeded in making Maggie come to the table by describing the dessert in detail which made Maggie hungry enough to go to the table.

Q7. How did each of these react to the sight of Maggie's cut hair?

Ans: 1. **Uncle Pullet:** Uncle Pullet commented on her appearance and said she looked very funny.

2. **Aunt Glegg:** Aunt Glegg said she should be severely punished and starved for doing such a shocking thing.

3. **Mrs.Tulliver:** Mrs.Tulliver was displeased and angry and felt ashamed of her daughter's deed.

4. **Uncle Glegg:** Uncle Glegg tried to take the edge off his wife's severe criticism by teasing Maggie saying she should be sent to prison.

5. **Mr.Tulliver:** Mr.Tulliver was amused and proud of his daughter as she had found her own way of rebelling against conventions.

Q8. At the end of Paragraph 28, we read **It was very bitter**. What was bitter and why?

Ans: It was very bitter that Tom could not be more sympathetic towards Maggie. First he laughed at her and then he wanted to go down to dinner indifferent to her plight. She might have to forego dinner and be scolded by everyone.
