

Swallow Me, NOW! Comprehension



Chapter One

1. What colour is the brick of the new school?
2. What is the name of Sam's new school?
3. What does the word 'Nani' mean?
4. Why did Sam feel unsure about holding her mother's hand?
5. List two difficulties about starting a new school?

a

b



Chapter Two

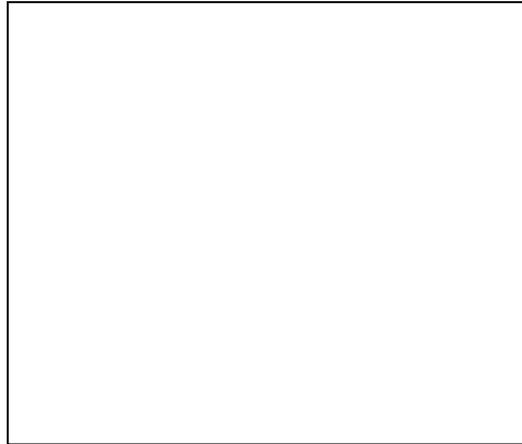
1. Name another way a teacher could gain the attention of a class of students.
2. Why did Sam wish for the ground to open up and swallow her?
3. List four things that Sam saw in the classroom.
a
b
c
d
4. What made Same feel different to the other students?



Chapter Three

1. What is another word for recess?

2. Draw a gazebo.



3. What three ways is Felicity treating Sam to make her feel uncomfortable?

a

b

c

4. If you could choose an Australian Animal to do a project on, which one would you choose?

5. Why would the teacher ask for silence as the students worked on their projects?



Chapter Four

1. Who did Sam sit next to in art class?

2. What is the name of Sam's best friend in Nepal?

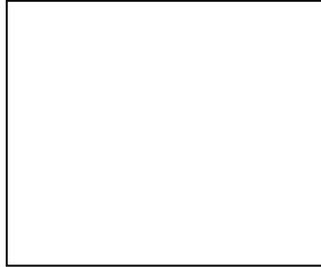
3. Sam had to put her lunchbox in the sink, and put her bag away when she got home from school. What do you have to do when you get home from school?



Chapter Five

1. What does Sam like to have in her hot chocolate?

2. Design your own hot chocolate mug.



3. How did Sam feel when she was around the other girls? What made her feel this way?

4. Why do you think Sam didn't want to tell her dad about her day?



Chapter Six

1. What three items did Sam buy at the Op Shop?

a

b

c

2. How were Sam's clothes different to Felicity's, Jade's and Share's?

3. If your school raised money to purchase new books, what are two books that you would like the librarian to buy?

a

b



Chapter Seven

1. How do you think Sam felt when she was the only girl in grade five who wasn't invited to Felicity's party?
2. How do you think Felicity feels by intentionally not inviting Sam?
3. What is Sam looking forward to doing in the holidays?
4. What Australian animal did Sam choose to do her project on?



Chapter Eight

1. What do your parents do?
2. Is there any job that is more important than the others? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever said something silly, and wished that you had never said it? yes no
How did you feel when you said it?



Chapter Nine

1. Sometimes children make up stories to tell others. What is your opinion about stories that are not true?

2. Here is a tipped over pot of paint. What story could you tell about it?



Chapter Ten

1. Why is Sam choosing to disobey her parents, to take 'proof' to school?



Chapter Eleven

1. Design your name in secret code.

2. **Mega-Aqua-Mulsifier**. Use a dictionary and explain what this is, or might do.

Mega -

Aqua -

Mulsifier -

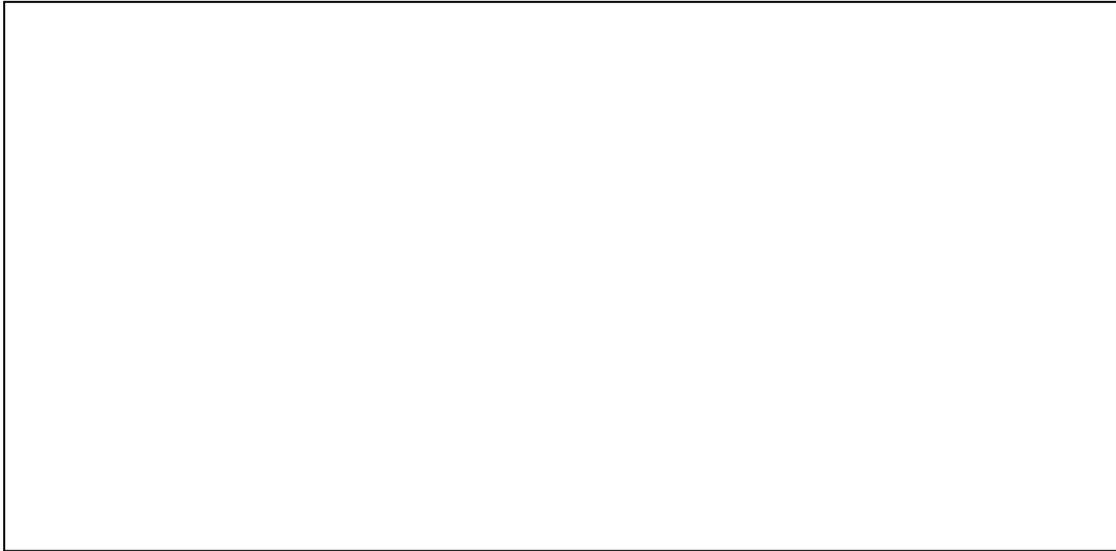
What might a **mega-aqua-mulsifier** do?

3. Draw a map of International Headquarters.



Chapter Twelve

1. Draw a bird's eye view of Sam's bedroom.



Chapter Thirteen

1. How would you describe Felicity's two friends, Jade and Shari?

2. Felicity is choosing to treat Sam in a particular way. What is she doing to her?
 - a
 - b
 - c
 - d

3. 'Her school work suffered.' What does this mean?

4. Sam became angry with Felicity. How did her behaviour how this?

5. Sam pushed Felicity. Is this okay to do?



Chapter Fourteen

1. Sam put her head in her hands. Why?

2. The Principal will ask Sam what happened. Do you think that Sam will tell the truth, or try to cover up the reasons that she pushed Felicity?

3. Why?



Chapter Fifteen

1. Sam's mum made her a hot chocolate. Was she rewarding Sam for pushing Felicity into the garden? yes no

2. What was Sam's mum hoping for, by making her a hot chocolate?

3. If you had a really bad day, what type of drink would you like your mum to give you?



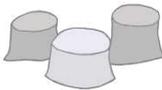
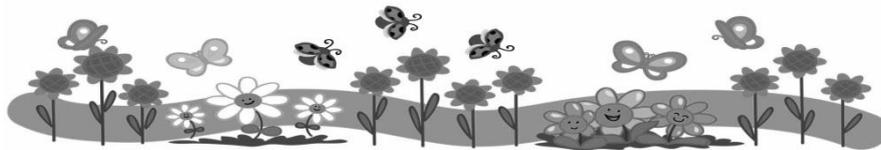
Chapter Sixteen

1. 'A sob caught in Sam's throat.' What does this mean?

2. Binky is:

- a. A doll.
- b. A blanket.
- c. A bear.
- d. A robot.

3. How did Sam's father react to her recount of the events that lead up to pushing Felicity into the garden?



Chapter Seventeen

1. List two reasons why children may get picked on by others.



Chapter Eighteen

1. Do you think that the Principal or teacher had spoken to Felicity about the incident? Yes No

What behaviours from the story support your answer?

2. Do you know anyone who has been bullied? yes no

3. Why do you think that they were bullied?

4. Why type of bullying was it? (it can be more than one)

- exclusion (being left out)
- rumours (untrue story made up about them)
- physical (poking, pinching, hitting, kicking, fighting)
- threats (being told that they will hurt them, or one of their family of friends)
- teasing (being made fun of)
- cyber bullying (internet, or mobile phone)

5. Do you know of another famous person who was bullied?



Chapter Nineteen

1. At the beginning of the story, Sam did not want to hold on to her mother's hand. But now, she does. What would be the reason for her change of mind?

2. Sam takes a deep breath when she is lining up for class. How does this help her? (Try taking a deep breath - what do you feel?)

3. Sam's mother and father were *Missionaries*. Turn to the **glossary** at the back of the book to read about what a missionary is. List three ways that a missionary might help the people in another country.

a

b

c

4. What would be the advantages of being in a classroom where students came from different parts of the world?



Chapter Twenty

1. Sam asked three simple words that helped her to make some new friends. What were they?

2. What is the name of the ball game that Sam joins in with?

3. What is a ball game that you like to play?



Chapter Twenty-One

1. List three good things that happened to Sam in this chapter.
 - a
 - b
 - c

2. Design the cover of a notebook. Colour it using Sam's favourite colours.

