

Before-reading questions

- 1 a false
b false
b true
- 2 a Tove Jansson was from Finland.
b Her other Moomin books were *The Moomins and the Great Flood* (1945); *Comet in Moominland* (1946); *Finn Family Moomintroll* (1948); *The Memoirs of Moominpappa* (1950); *The Book about Moomin, Mymble and Little My* (1952); *Moominsummer Madness* (1954); *Moominland Midwinter* (1957); *Who Will Comfort Toffle?* (1960); *Moominpappa at Sea* (1965); *Moominvalley in November* (1970); *The Dangerous Journey* (1977); *Villain in Moominhouse* (1980); *Songs from Moominvalley* (1993)
- 3 **Example answer:** Someone (Moominpappa) is in the water. He is very wet. He is not happy.

During-reading questions

THE LAST DRAGON IN THE WORLD

- 1 Moomintroll finds a small dragon in the garden.
- 2 He carries it to the house in a glass jar.
- 3 Moomintroll wants to tell his friend Snufkin about the dragon first.
- 4 The dragon likes to eat flies.
- 5 Moomintroll is sad about the dragon and Snufkin because the dragon likes Snufkin better than him.
- 6 Little My is angry with the dragon because it bites her.
- 7 Snufkin cannot keep the dragon because Moomintroll loves it very much.
- 8 Snufkin tells the Hemulen to take the dragon down the river, leave it in a nice place with a lot of flies, and put some flies and a little water next to the hat.

THE INVISIBLE CHILD

- 1 Too-ticky visits the Moomin family one evening.
- 2 Ninny is different from other children because she is invisible.
- 3 She wears a small bell because people can see and hear it.
- 4 Ninny sleeps in a room at the top of the house.
- 5 The recipe helps invisible people because other people can see them again.
- 6 The Moomin family go to the beach to pull their boat out of the sea for the winter.
- 7 Ninny is frightened by the sea because it is too big for her.
- 8 She bites Moominpappa because she does not want him to push Moominmamma into the sea.

THE FIR TREE

- 1 The Moomin family are sleeping in their living room.
- 2 Moomintroll wakes up because the Hemulen is shouting angrily.
- 3 Moominpappa and Moomintroll get a tree from their friend Gaffsie's garden.
- 4 The woody tells the Moomins to put beautiful things on the tree.
- 5 Moominpappa's present is a pretty box. Snorkmaiden's is a beautiful bowl. Moominmamma's is a book with wonderful pictures.
- 6 The family give the tree and all the food and presents to the woody and his friends.
- 7 The family hide under the table because they are frightened of Christmas.
- 8 The family find the Hemulen's yellow mittens and they put them by the veranda.

After-reading questions

1-2 *Reader's own answers.*

- 3 **Example answer:** Snufkin is a good friend to Moomintroll. He does not want Moomintroll to be sad about the dragon. The dragon likes Snufkin better than Moomintroll. Snufkin knows this and he sends the dragon away.
- 4 a Too-ticky brings Ninny to the Moomin family.
 b Moominmamma is always very kind to Ninny. She makes her a little pink dress and a ribbon for her hair. She also makes a recipe for her. Then people are able to see her again.
 c Moominpappa goes into the water. This is very funny for Ninny and she laughs. Then everybody sees her.
 d Moomintroll tries to teach Ninny some games.

Reader's own answer. Example answer:

Ninny likes Moominmamma best. She goes everywhere with Moominmamma.

- 5 Moomintroll learns these things about Christmas:
- People get trees for Christmas and they put beautiful things on them.
 - People make special food for Christmas.
 - People give presents to their families and friends at Christmas.

6-7 *Reader's own answers.*

Exercises

THE LAST DRAGON IN THE WORLD

- 1 1 false. The dragon has six legs.
 2 true
 3 false. The dragon's favourite food is flies.
 4 false. The dragon does bite.
 5 true
 6 false. The dragon likes Snufkin better than Moomintroll.
 7 false. Snufkin gives the Hemulen five fish.
 8 true
- 2 1 Moomintroll **found** a small dragon in the garden.
 2 The dragon **blew** fire from its mouth.
 3 "Moomintroll **is hiding** something in a glass jar," said Little My.
 4 "It doesn't **have** a name," said Moomintroll.
 5 The dragon **flew** into the garden.
 6 Then it **sat** on Snufkin's shoulder.
 7 "**Would** you like some fish?" asked Snufkin.
 8 That evening, Moomintroll **came** to see Snufkin.

THE INVISIBLE CHILD

- 3 1 People cannot see Ninny because she is **invisible**.
 2 One evening, the Moomin family clean and cut **mushrooms**.
 3 The family can hear Ninny's small **bell**.
 4 Ninny does not speak much because she is very **shy**.
 5 Moominmamma finds a **recipe** from her grandmother.
 6 She makes a **ribbon** for Ninny's hair.
 7 Ninny **becomes** frightened because the sea is very big.
 8 **Suddenly**, Moominpappa goes into the water.

- 4 1 d 2 g 3 a 4 c
 5 e 6 h 7 b 8 f

THE FIR TREE

- 5**
- 1 The Moomin family **slept** every winter.
 - 2 The Hemulen's aunt **drove** past the house.
 - 3 Gaffsie **did not (didn't) answer** Moomintroll's question.
 - 4 The little woody **drank** a cup of tea.
 - 5 Moominpappa **sat** in the snow.
 - 6 The family **found** presents for Christmas.
 - 7 They waited for Christmas but it **did not (didn't) come**.
 - 8 The Moomins **hid** under the table.

- 6** 1 b 2 c 3 a 4 b 5 a 6 b

ALL STORIES

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	Who said this?	Who to?
1 "My dragon likes you better than me."	<i>Moomintroll</i>	<i>Snufkin</i>
2 "Does it bite?"	<i>Moominmamma</i>	<i>Moomintroll</i>
3 "Does she talk?"	<i>Moominpappa</i>	<i>Too-ticky</i>
4 "It's Ninny's first time by the sea."	<i>Moominmamma</i>	<i>the family</i>
5 "Did it come from the ground or the sky?"	<i>Moominpappa</i>	<i>Moomintroll</i>
6 "What does Christmas eat?"	<i>Moomintroll</i>	<i>the Hemulen's aunt</i>

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| 1 flies | 2 burn |
| 3 shoulder | 4 mushrooms |
| 5 bell | 6 aunt |
| 7 sledge | 8 presents |

Project work

Reader's own answers.