

Before-reading questions

- 1-3 *Reader's own answers.*
- 4 a a river – pages 11 and 34
 b a mountain – pages 14, 34, 39, 73 and 83
 c the moon – pages 73, 75 and 79

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 They go to sleep because they do not like the cold and the long, dark winter.
- 2 It is the first day of spring and they want to do something special. They go up the mountain to make a pile of stones to show that they are the first ones there.
- 3 They find a tall, black hat on top of the mountain and take it home. It is a magic hat but they do not know that yet.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 They use it for a bin.
- 2 It becomes soft and starts to get bigger. It turns into four small clouds and they float out of the hat.
- 3 They see a gold butterfly. **Example answer:** A yellow butterfly means that they will have a happy summer, but gold is even better than yellow. It means that they will have an excellent summer.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 He pulls the hat over the top half of his body and tries to be small.
- 2 It changes. The fat parts of his body are now thin, and the small parts are big. His legs are very long and he looks very different. His ears and eyes become huge and his little tail turns into a big brush.
- 3 She starts crying because the “King of California” says that Moomintroll is very naughty and is a terrible Moomin. She does not know that the hat has changed Moomintroll.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 They throw it into the river because they think that it is dangerous.
- 2 The hat floated down the river but it has stopped on a sandbank.
- 3 They decide to keep the hat because it makes berry juice. They can have berry juice all the time. Moomintroll also wants to see the little clouds again.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 They go to the cave because the weather is very hot and it is cooler there by the sea.
- 2 It is on top of a very high mountain at the end of the world. It has not got any windows, a door or a roof. It is full of rubies. Some of the rubies are in the walls and they look like the eyes of wild creatures.
- 3 He is not very happy because he wants the King's Ruby and he cannot find it.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Moominhouse turns into a jungle because Moominmamma put some of the Hemulen's plants into the hat and they started growing. They grew up the walls and up the stairs.
- 2 They get in through the cellar door. The Hemulen stays outside.
- 3 **Example answer:** The jungle starts to die because it stops raining. The jungle needs the rain to grow. It is also evening and maybe the magic does not work at night.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 They bring a suitcase.
- 2 They hide under the living room carpet. They are worried about the Groke. The Groke is a big and terrible creature and they think she is coming tonight.
- 3 If the Groke comes into the house at night, the alarm clock will start ringing and wake them all up.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 The suitcase is Thingumy and Bob's but the Contents is the Groke's.
- 2 They were wrong to take the Contents.
Example answer: They do not understand right and wrong so this does not make them bad.
- 3 She leaves the garden because she has the Hobgoblin's Hat. She can see that it is a very special hat and she is happy to have that and not the Contents of the suitcase.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 *Example answer:* He is happy because he is going on a journey. He likes travelling and being outside. He does not like to live in a house and have lots of things.
- 2 The King's Ruby is in the suitcase.
- 3 She is unhappy because she has lost her handbag.

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 They have a party because they want to say "Thank you" to Thingumy and Bob for finding Moominmamma's handbag.
- 2 He has seen the King's Ruby from the moon.
- 3 *Example answer:* He has enjoyed the party a lot. Everyone has had a good time and they all got wishes. He is not feeling sad about Snufkin any more because of Moominmamma's wish. He is also, maybe, thinking about the summer and their fun adventures with the hat.

After-reading questions

- 1 **a Example answer:** The Moomins and their friends go to sleep in winter and wake up in spring. When it rains, they play a hiding game in the house and Moomintroll changes when he puts on the hat. Later, the summer is very hot and they go to the cave because it is cooler there. Rain also helps the jungle to grow. Snufkin goes on a journey at the end of the summer and the Moomin family and their friends have a party. Autumn is here and the story ends.
b Example answer: In Chapter One, Moomintroll and Snufkin sit by the river and remember their adventures there. The family throw the Hobgoblin's Hat in the river because it is dangerous. The hat turns the water in the river into berry juice. Later, Moomintroll and Snufkin sit by the river again and Snufkin goes on his journey.
c Example answer: Moomintroll, Snufkin and Sniff find the Hobgoblin's Hat on the mountain. Thingumy and Bob arrive in Moominvalley from the mountain. They can see the Moominhouse from the mountain. The Hobgoblin flies to the top of the mountain when he sees the King's Ruby from the moon.
- 2 *Reader's own answer.*
- 3 *Example answer:* The Hemulen likes collecting stamps and then plants. The Hobgoblin likes collecting rubies. Moomintroll likes collecting strange stones. Thingumy and Bob like collecting other people's things. Snufkin does not like collecting things. He is happy only to have his clothes and mouth-organ.

- 4 Example answer:** When she comes in the night, she sits at the bottom of the steps looking at them with her big, round eyes. They feel that she could wait there forever. The ground turns to ice and that is frightening. Maybe she is not very bad. She does not do anything bad. Maybe she just wants her Contents from the suitcase back. Maybe she is unhappy because nobody likes her.
- 5 Example answer:** Yes, it was right. They have a wonderful summer because they have lots of adventures with the hat – the clouds, making berry juice, and the jungle. They meet Thingumy and Bob. The summer ends with a wonderful party and they all get wishes from the Hobgoblin.
- 6 Reader's own answer.**

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1** 1 d **2** b **3** f **4** e **5** a **6** c

CHAPTER TWO

- 2** **1** The Hemulen, Moomintroll and Snorkmaiden.
2 They are in the forest.
3 They are sitting on little clouds. The hat turned the eggshell into clouds.
4 He is sad because he has finished his stamp collection.
5 They try to think of new things for him to collect.
6 The Hemulen decides to become a botanist. He is going to collect and study plants. They all have dinner.

CHAPTER THREE

- 3** 1 c **2** f **3** d **4** b **5** a **6** e

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4** **1** They threw the hat in the river and watched it float **away**.
2 Moomintroll climbed **down** the rope ladder.
3 Dark water was coming **out** of the hat.
4 The hat was turning the water **into** berry juice.
5 Moomintroll swam **across** the river with his tail round the hat.
6 Moomintroll could see small eyes **behind** the trees.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 5** Moomintroll and his friends go to the ¹**cave** for a few days. It is exciting to stay there. They make beds in the ²**sand** and eat ³**pancakes**. Snufkin tells them a story about the Hobgoblin. The Hobgoblin lives in a house on top of a mountain and rides a black ⁴**panther**. The Hobgoblin has red eyes and they ⁵**glow** in the dark. Every night, the Hobgoblin goes out and collects ⁶**rubies** in his hat.

CHAPTER SIX

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house	jungle
cupboard	berry
cellar	branch
roof	flower
flower	carpet
carpet	bush

Carpet and *flower* can go in both groups. The plants covered all of Moominhouse with a thick green carpet, and you can have flowers in a house or a jungle.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 7 1 **Smoke** means **food**.
 2 I can **smell** food.
 3 You're a **silly** old **mouse**!
 4 It's **nice** to **meet** you.
 5 She's **big** and **terrible**!

8 *Example answers:*

- 1 **Hoominmouse**
 2 **Mere's** some **hilk**.
 3 **Won't** **dorry** about him.
 4 **Mot's** the **watter**?

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 9 1 Sniff
 2 the Hemulen
 3 Moomintroll
 4 Snorkmaiden
 5 Moominmamma

CHAPTER NINE

- 10 It was early in the morning and Moomintroll ¹**was lying** in bed. Snufkin ²**was waiting** for him so he ³**climbed** down the rope ladder. They ⁴**walked** to the river and ⁵**sat** on the bridge. Then, Snufkin ⁶**jumped** down from the bridge and ⁷**smelled** the morning air. It was time for him to go on his journey south. Moomintroll ⁸**watched** him leave. After a while, Moomintroll ⁹**heard** music. Snufkin ¹⁰**was playing** his happiest song on his mouth-organ.

CHAPTER TEN

- 11 1 e 2 b 3 f 4 g
 5 d 6 a 7 c

Project work

Reader's own answers.