Kensuke’s Kingdom ANSWERS

Vocabulary

1. ‘she could not have foreseen
2. Undisputed
3. Niggly
4. ‘completely dumbstruck.’
5. Has had a lot of experience of something/done it many times

Infer- your wording here may be different or you might have extra information.

1. I think the boys called themselves the mudlarks because… it says in the text ‘it was muddy down there.’ This refers to where they played football. *‘Lark’ can mean a quest for amusement or adventure.*
2. The letter was bad news because it said the brickworks were going to close and they were both going to be made reductant. This means they’d lose their jobs.
3. Mum didn’t want to leave the house behind, or Gran or school. She also says ‘I was born here. And I’m not going,’
4. Mum agreed to go and see dad because when she spoke to him on the phone she said he sounded different ‘like his very old self.’
5. Peggy Sue is a yacht.

Prediction

You will all have different answers for these questions. Remember a prediction must be based on evidence from the text! I predict…. because….

Explain

1. Michael’s paper round motivated his dad to try and get a job because Michael was the only person bringing a wage into the house and he was only 11. It possibly made him feel a bit worthless and he wanted to prove himself.
2. On page 12, it says ‘Thinking back, it must have been a kind of inspiration driven by desperation.’ So he may not have thought this at the time but now he is older, he has grown to understand and respect this.

Retrieve- shorter answers

1) 12. He disappeared the night before his 12th birthday but didn’t get sworn to secrecy until after that.

2) ‘The monkey school’ because he said the children gibbered and screeched and hung up-side down on the climbing frames in the playground.

3) Stella Artois

4) Take books with them and teach him themselves

5) She said it was reckless- she warned them of the dangers e.g icebergs, hurricanes etc

Summarise

Your answers here will vary.