

Billy Beast Comprehension Answers

Answers should be written in full sentences, using appropriate conjunctions to link ideas and clauses.

1. Name two things that Betty and Benjamin were most proud of. (2)

Betty and Benjamin are proud of their castle and their "fine young son, Billy Beast"

2. Name the item the old man was trying to steal from the garden. (1)

The old man was trying to steal Betty's prize-winning roses

3. Describe two different ways Billy tried to make sure he impressed Beauty just before meeting her. (2)

He made sure his

- teeth were "nice and black"
- breath was "good and smelly"
- splashed some skunk juice under his arms

4. Explain why Billy was disappointed when he saw Beauty for the first time. (2)

Billy was disappointed when he met Beauty because

- she was "hardly hairy at all"
- her teeth were "sort of white and shiny"
- she had a "nose where a snout should have been"
- she had "little fingers instead of claws"

5. 'Betty and Benjamin are kind parents'. Find two pieces of evidence to support his statement. (2)

Billy's parents are kind parents because

- they tried to hide their disappointment when they first saw Beauty
- they were positive about her, saying things like "she'll probably get hairier as she gets older" and that she would look better after a "nice sloppy mud bath"
- they made excuses about her appearance to make Billy feel better such as "perhaps she hasn't been eating a healthy diet"

6. Name two horrible habits that Billy taught Beauty. (1)

Billy taught Beauty to "burp nicely" and to dribble

7. Explain what happened when Billy kissed beauty on the nose. (2)

When Billy kissed Beauty on the nose, she began to change.

- She grew hairier
- Her teeth grew brown and longer
- Her fingers grew into "beautiful claws"
- She smelled of "old socks and kangaroo sweat"

8. Analyse why Billy kissed Beauty in the end. (2)

Initially, Billy felt sorry for Beauty. He was a "kind-hearted beast" and grew to love her as a person. Moral – it's what's on the inside that counts.

9. Compare and contrast this story to Beauty and the Beast. Use evidence to explain similarities and differences. (3)

Similarities

Magical powers/curse
Reluctant relationship to start with
Grow to love each other in the end
Idea of "inner beauty"

Differences

Reversal of ideas – 'normal' is beast a
opposed to beauty in Disney
Family setting, not Beast living on his
own

10. Predict what might have happened if Billy didn't kiss Beauty and create your own alternative ending to the story. (3)

Make sure that your answer has links to the text. There should be a clear link to what has happened so far. Creativity and "out of the box" thinking is very much encouraged but the ending needs to fit with the beginning.