

Reading Notes

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| Paddington | a London railway station in operation since 1838 |
| stowaway | someone who hides on a train, ship, or airplane in order to travel for free |
| marmalade | a jelly-like preserve containing tiny pieces of fruit and fruit rind, usually oranges or lemons |
| pence | British currency |

Vocabulary

1. I **distinctly** saw it. _____

2. The suitcase was old and **battered** _____

3. "Yes," said the bear. "I **emigrated**, you know." _____

4. It all seems highly **irregular**. _____

Comprehension Questions

1. Why are the Browns at Paddington station?

2. Where has Paddington the Bear come from, and why did he leave?

3. What is written on the label around Paddington Bear's neck?

4. Why do the Browns decide to name the bear Paddington?

5. Why does the taxi driver want to charge Mr. Brown more money for a ride?

Quotations

Judy took one of his paws. ... "I'm sure you must have had lots of wonderful adventures."

"I have," said Paddington earnestly. "Lots. Things are always happening to me. I'm that sort of bear."

Discussion Questions

1. Reread the quotation above. How do you notice Paddington's description of himself to be true in this chapter?
2. How is the taxi driver justified in thinking that Paddington will cause trouble?

Enrichment

1. Locate Paddington station on the map of London in the Appendix.
2. **Drawing Activity:** Michael Bond, the author of *A Bear Called Paddington*, came up with his idea for the character Paddington Bear one Christmas when he saw a lone toy bear sitting on a store shelf. He bought it as a present for his wife. Draw a picture of Paddington Bear based on the description in the book or draw a toy bear that was special to you in your childhood.

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| rheumatism | a medical condition affecting the joints and connective tissue |
| centavo | a South American penny |
| soft spot | a sentimental weakness |
| tradesmen's entrance | People delivering goods were called tradesmen. They were not allowed to use the front door but had their own entrance at a side or back door. |
| pound | British currency |

Vocabulary

1. on one of her shopping **expeditions** _____

2. **baling** out the water _____

3. He looked **suspiciously (suspicious)** at the children _____

4. There was an **ominous** wet patch right over their heads _____

5. Paddington looked **crestfallen**. _____

6. Paddington began rubbing himself **meekly** with the towel. _____

Comprehension Questions

1. Why does Mrs. Bird think that Paddington has good manners?

2. List the items found in Paddington's suitcase.

