

Reading Notes

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. _____
clearly or plainly
2. The suitcase was old and **battered** _____
damaged due to lots of use
3. "Yes," said the bear. "I **emigrated**, you know." _____
(emigrate) to leave one's country to move to another country
4. It all seems highly **irregular**. _____
not conforming to normal rules or customs

Comprehension Questions

1. Why are the Browns at Paddington station?
The Browns are at Paddington station to pick up their daughter, Judy, who is coming home from school for the holidays.
2. What is written on the label around Paddington Bear's neck?
On the label around Paddington Bear's neck is written: "Please look after this bear. Thank you."
3. Where has Paddington the Bear come from, and why did he leave?
Paddington is from Peru, where he used to live with his Aunt Lucy. However, when she moved to a retirement home for bears, he emigrated to London, England.

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

Since the Browns find him at Paddington station, they decide Paddington is a suitable name for him.

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

The taxi driver wants to charge more money because Paddington is a bear. Also, the driver is afraid that Paddington, who is sticky from his accident at tea, will dirty his clean car.

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.