

Activity 1

Read Chapter 6 (A Fair Breeze) up to the part where it says:

"Live and learn," muttered Stuart, tartly, putting his change purse back in his pocket.

Now answer the following questions about the text:

1. Find and copy one word that means to 'stroll or walk at a leisurely pace.'
2. What was Stuart Little needing to keep a sharp eye out for?
3. How did the passengers waiting to get on the bus get the driver's attention?
4. What does the phrase, *Although rather hard to see without putting on your spectacles*, tell you about the coins Stuart Little had?
5. How can you tell that Stuart Little was annoyed by the bus conductor?

Activity 2

Read the remainder of Chapter 6 (A Fair Breeze) from:

When the bus stopped at Seventy-second Street, Stuart jumped out and hurried across to the

Then answer the following questions:

1. Why did Stuart Little want to sail one of the boats on the pond? Give two reasons from the text.
2. Find and copy one word that means to 'stare intently at something.'
3. In this chapter there are lots of words which are names of things that are found on or around a boat. Use a dictionary or a dictionary website to find the meaning of these words:
 - a. Jib
 - b. Deck
 - c. Mast
4. Why does the owner of the *Wasp* let Stuart Little sail his boat?

Activity 3

Read Chapter 7 (The Sailboat Race) up to the part where it says:

This race isn't over yet," thought Stuart.

Answer the following questions about the text:

1. Find two words which describe the boy who owns the *Lillian B Womrath*?
2. Find and copy a word that means to 'speak in a low muttering voice.'
3. Why did the policemen falling in the pond create a problem for Stuart Little on his boat?
4. How can you tell that Stuart Little is determined to keep on sailing and win the race? Use evidence from the text.

Activity 4

Read the remainder of Chapter 7 (The Sailboat Race) from:

This race isn't over yet," thought Stuart.

to the end of the chapter. Then answer the following questions about the text:

1. What does this phrase *dirty weather* tell you about the changing weather?
2. How did Stuart Little manage to free the *Wasp* from the paper bag?
3. True or false:
 - a. Stuart Little's boat hit a rock in the water.
 - b. The paper bag stopped Stuart Little's boat from moving.
 - c. It began to rain heavily.
 - d. The crowd were pleased that Stuart Little had won the race.
4. According to the text, how do you know that the owner of the *Wasp* was pleased with Stuart Little?

Activity 5

Think about Stuart Little's adventure sailing the boat on the pond in Central Park in Chapter 6 and 7.

Write a short diary entry as Stuart Little, expressing your thoughts and feelings about what happened to you whilst sailing the boat. Use evidence from the text to help describe some of the things that happened. You can use this plan to help sequence your diary entry:

1. Takes the bus from his house to Central Park
2. Sees the boat *Wasp* and asks the owner if he can sail it in a race
3. A police man falls in the water creating a huge wave
4. The boat sails straight into a paper bag and is hit by another boat
5. Stuart Little manages to untangle the boat and reaches the finish first.