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## BUD, NOT BUDDY NOVEL UNIT



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

**Directions:** Answer each question in complete sentences using RAD format. Be sure to use evidence from the text to support your answers.

## **Chapters 1 and 2 Comprehension Questions**

1. Do you think Bud and Jerry truly feel “cheerful, helpful and grateful” to be going to foster homes? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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2. Why do you think that Bud’s eyes don’t cry anymore? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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3. Why does Bud think six is a tough age? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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4. Why does Bud think the man in the flyer is his father? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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5. How does Todd get Bud into trouble with Mrs. Amos?

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6. How do you think Bud feels about Todd lying?

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7. Why won't Mrs. Amos let Bud take his suitcase with him into the shed? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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8. Why does Bud have to bite his tongue when he gets into the shed?

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Chapter 3 and 4 Comprehension Questions:

1. How does Bud feel about being locked in the shed ? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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2. Why does Bud attack the hornet nest?

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3. Why does Bud sneak into the Amos house?

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4. Why does Bud want to get the gun out of the house before he takes his revenge?

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5. How does Bud take revenge on Todd?

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6. How do you think Bud feels as he leaves the Amod house with his suitcase? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer if possible.

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**Chapters 5 and 6 Comprehension Questions**

1. How does Bud feel about “being on the lam”? Provide evidence from the text.

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2. What does Bud think about the way his mother looks in the picture he carries of her?

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3. How did Bud's mother feel about the name Bud? What was her intention for naming him Bud?

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4. What do you think Bud's mother meant when she told him, "When one door closes, don't worry, because another door opens"?

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5. Describe how Bud's pretend momma and daddy treat him. Provide evidence.

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6. How do the people in line feel about the rich, white family in the picture that hangs over the mission building? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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7. How do you think Bud feels as he watches his pretend family walk away without him. Explain: why do you think he feels this way?

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**Chapters 7 and 8 Comprehension Questions**

1. How is the smell in the library unlike the air anywhere else?

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2. According to Bud, what does the phrase, "Haven't you heard?" usually mean?

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3. How do you think Bud feels when he hears that Ms. Hill has moved away? Explain:  
Why do you think he feels this way?

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4. What is Hooperville/Hooverville?

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5. What does the man in Hooverville mean when he says that President Hoover worked so hard to make sure every town had a Hooverville that it seemed criminal to call it anything else?

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6. Why do you think Bud opens up to Deza Malone and tells her about his mother. Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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7. Why do you think the white people in Hooverville wont accept help from others?

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8. What does Deza mean by saying that the poor kids all alone on the road are like dust in the wind?

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9. What is the trick that Bud uses to help himself fall asleep?

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10. Why do you think the police try to prevent the men from getting on the train?

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**Chapter 9 and 10 Comprehension Questions**

1. Why do you think the librarian is so nice to Bud?

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2. Why does Bud think ideas are like trees?

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3. How does the idea that Herman E. Calloway is Bud's father blossom?

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4. Why do you think Bud ducks into the bushes when a car passes?

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5. According to Bud's rule number 87, what does it really mean when adults tell you they need help with a problem?

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6. Why does Bud lie to Mr. Lewis and tell him that he is from Grand Rapids?

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7. Why do you think Mr. Lewis stops to help Bud when so many cars passed without stopping for him.

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**Chapter 11 Comprehension Questions**

1. Why does Bud pay close attention to the way Mr. Lewis drives a car?

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2. According to Bud's rule number 29, what should you do when you wake up but aren't sure where you are?

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3. Why does Bud think its different to lie to a kid than to lie to an adult?

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4. What is the difference between a Pullman porter and a redcap?

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5. Give two examples of ways that Mr. Lewis teases Bud and his family.

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**Chapter 12 Comprehension Questions**

1. Why does Mr. Lewis send a telegram to Herman E. Calloway?

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2. Why does Bud count to ten as the policeman talks to Mr. Lewis?

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3. In your own words, explain what a Labor Union is

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4. Why does Mr. Lewis want Bud to put the box under the seat before the policeman comes over to the car?

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5. How do you think Bud feels when he realizes that Herman E. Calloway is very old?  
Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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**Chapter 13 and 14 Comprehension Questions**

1. How do you think Herman E. Calloway and Jimmy feel when they hear Bud's announcement?

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2. How do you think Bud feels when Jimmy invites him to come to the Sweet Pea to eat ? What makes you say that?

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3. Why does Jimmy continue to tease Bud?

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4. Why do you think Bud begins to cry and cannot stop? What makes you say this?

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**Chapter 15 and 16 Comprehension Questions**

1. Why does Herman E. Calloway call his house the Grand Calloway Station?

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2. Why do you think that Herman E. Calloway doesn't like Bud?

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3. What does Bud consider more important, the suitcase or the items inside the suitcase? Why?

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4. Describe how you think Bud feels when Steady Eddie gives him a recorder?

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5. How do you think Bud likes the new name given to him by the band? Provide proof from the story to support your claim.

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**Chapter 17 and 18 Comprehension Questions**

1. Do you feel that the band members are prejudice against white people ? Provide proof from the text to support your claim.

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2. Why do you think Bud wants to show Herman E. Calloway the rocks his mother gave him?

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3. Describe two emotions that Bud feels when he learns that Herman E. Calloway is his grandfather. Explain why Bud has these two feelings.

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**Chapter 19 Comprehension Questions**

1. Why do you think Herman E. Calloway locks himself into the room after he finds out that Bud is his grandson?

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2. Explain why Mr. Calloway never got in touch with Bud and his mother.

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3. In your opinion, why does Bud go into Herman E. Calloway's room and put the rocks and flyers on his dresser?

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4. Why does Bud say that the squeaks and squawks of his saxophone were the closing of one door and the opening of another door ?

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