

# COMPREHENSION

## ANSWER KEY

1. Scout was worried that her only brother Jem might be killed. [1] (Answer should interpret "only son stood an excellent chance of being murdered")

She was angry that her father seemed so unaffected instead of taking action or displaying some anxiety which would make him seem more caring. [1] (Answer must explain the anger in connection to Scout's expectations of her father or what is wrong with his actions, not just repeat the fact that he was reading his newspaper.)

2. Possible answers:

From the passage: "when it came down to it he was all I had" - Scout confesses that Jem was precious to her as her only sibling.

From the passage: "You don't care what happens to him," I said. "You just send him on to get shot at when all he was doin' was standin' up for you." - She argues with her father about his treatment of Jem which proves that she cares enough to stand up for Jem when she feels he is being treated unfairly.

From the passage: "I made a secret reconnaissance of Jem. He seemed to be all in one piece, but he had a queer look on his face." - She immediately examines Jem when he returns to see if he is injured and is sensitive enough to notice that his expression is strange.

3. The contrast between Scout and Jem and the rest of the children at school reveals their struggle in having to be different and held to a higher standard than other children who do not keep to the same rule of being level-headed/not losing their temper.
4. She goes to him for comfort and sits in his lap/she tells him how she is feeling and listens to his explanations/she dialogues with him about the problem/she is able to be honest with him.
5. "it's not fair for you and Jem, I know that" [1]  
"when you and Jem are grown, maybe you'll look back on this with some compassion and some feeling that I didn't let you down" [1]
6. He wants them to try their hardest to do well even in a difficult situation/stay positive and adapt in harsh circumstances. [1]

He wants them to still behave nobly/uprightly/with integrity when things are not in their favour/even if they think they are going to lose or be defeated. [1]

7. He respects other people's opinions and believes they are allowed to think whatever they want to think,[1] but he does not believe he needs to agree with their opinions. [1]
8. Deciding what is right and wrong is a personal/private choice that does not depend on others' opinions or what is popular.
9. Sincerity: "There was no point in saying you were sorry if you aren't." [1]  
Compassion: "she's old and ill. You can't hold her responsible for what she says and does." [1]
10. He appears reluctant to do what the old lady asked [1] as seen in him asking "do I have to?" yet he is respectful towards his father and willing to do what his father says.[1]