

The Children of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

The floods had begun to go down. Already Tolly could see spikes of grass sticking up through the edge of the water. The shapes of lawns and flowerbeds were showing through the ripples round the house. He longed for the water to go, so that he could explore the garden.

When he came downstairs for lunch, Boggis, in long wading boots, was bringing in logs for the fire, making a big stack of them in a corner of the inglenook.

'Good morning, Mr Boggis,' said Tolly. 'Have you come in the boat? I forgot to look last night to see what it was called.'

'It's called the Linnet, Master Toseland, but I didn't come in it today. I came in my waders. The water's going down lovely.'

'The Linnet?' said Toseland, turning to his great-grandmother.

'Yes,' she said. 'There's always a boat called Linnet on the river.'

'That's right,' said Boggis. 'There's always a Linnet. This one's new – leastways not more than twenty years old – but I used to go out in the old Linnet when I was a boy, and my grandfather used to talk about fishing at night with torches from the Linnet when he was young. See, ma'am, I've managed to borrow these from my niece whose boy is in hospital.'

He held out two Wellingtons. 'I reckon Master Toseland will need these. Isn't he the fair spit of his grandfather! Might be the same come back.'



'Yes, he seems to belong here,' said Mrs Oldknow. 'He has it all hidden in him somewhere. I like to see him finding his way about.'

'Shall I take him out with me into the barn this afternoon while I cut wood, to keep him out of your way?'

'He's not in my way at all, but I expect he would like to go.'

'Oh yes, please!'

'Very well, Boggis, you can keep him till tea-time. Goodbye, Toby.'

'You said "Toby"', said Tolly, pulling on his borrowed Wellingtons.

'Why, so I did! I was forgetting.'

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1 Why is Mr Boggis wearing long wading boots (long wellington boots)?

2d

1 mark

2 Give another name by which Master Toseland is called in the story.

2d

1 mark

3 “Isn’t he the fair spit of his grandfather! Might be the same come back.” (paragraph 7)
In this sentence, “the fair spit of his grandfather” means the same as:
Choose **one**.

- He can spit as far as his grandfather can.
- He is blond like his grandfather.
- He is as good-looking as his grandfather.
- He looks just like his grandfather.

2a

1 mark

4 Match each piece of dialogue with the speaker.

“Shall I take him out with me into the barn this afternoon while I cut wood, to keep him out of your way?” Mr Boggis

“He’s not in my way at all but I expect he would like to go.” Great Grandmother

“Oh yes, please!” Tolly

“Very well, Boggis, you can keep him till tea-time. Good-bye, Toby” Great Grandmother

2b

2 marks

5 This story was written over 60 years ago.
Find **one** piece of evidence that shows that the setting for the story is not modern times.

2f

1 mark

6 Choose **four** of these statements to create a summary of the story so far.

- The floods were beginning to go down.
- Tolly could see the shapes of lawns in the ripples of the flood.
- Tolly comes downstairs for lunch.
- Boggis brings in logs for the fire.
- He stacks them beside the inglenook fireplace.
- There’s always a Linnet on the river.
- Boggis borrows boots from his niece whose boy is in hospital.
- Boggis gives Tolly boots to wear.
- Mrs Oldknow calls Tolly “Toby”.
- Tolly goes with Boggis to the barn.

2c

1 mark