

# Pink Bow Tie

## Reading Guide

### 1. Before reading

Look at the title of the story. Can you guess what it is about? First read through the story in its entirety, using the glossary to help you with any difficult words if needed. Don't worry about understanding everything as long as you get a general idea about what the story is about, and what happens at the end.

**2 Now you are going to read the story again, but this time you will read it in small sections.**



### Read to line 66

Who are the 3 strange people on the carriage of the train?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Read to line 80

1. What does the ticket collector say to the kid?
2. What happens when the kid 'twiddles the knob' of the machine?
3. How does the ticket collector feel?

### Read to line 104

**Put the events in order:**

- a. The old lady becomes much younger, until she looks like a sixteen year old girl.
- b. The mean-looking bloke tries to get the Age Rager from the old lady.
- c. The old lady (who now looks young) jumps off the train.
- d. The old lady throws the Age Rager to the narrator.
- e. The old lady pushes the mean-looking bloke.
- f. The kid-man throws the machine to the old lady.

## Read to line 118

### True or false?

1. The narrator feels frightened of the mean-looking bloke.
2. The narrator grabs the Age-Rager and pushes it towards the OLDER end.
3. Soon there is a sweet one year old baby next to the narrator.
4. The adult clothes have disappeared.

## Read to line 140

### Put the events in order

- a. The narrator screams and runs to the door.
- b. The narrator's hair turns white, because he is terrified of the skeleton.
- c. The baby pushes the knob of the Age Rager to the OLDER end.
- d. The narrator gets off the train and walks home.
- e. The baby gets older, and older, and soon it has become a skeleton.

## Read to the end of the story

1. What does Splodge shout? Does he believe the story?
2. Why does the narrator walk home 'sadly' – what is making him sad?
3. What are the two things that happen?
  - > The good thing:
  - > The bad thing:
4. What has happened to Splodge?