

Chapter 1

Word	What I think it means
Bestow	
Inconsolably	
docile	

What evidence supports the idea that Ella's mother might die?

Based on what you've read so far, how do you think Ella feels about her father?

Chapter 2

Word	What I think it means
droning	
spectacle	

What are some possible reasons why Char was nice to Ella?

Chapter 3

Word	What I think it means
Frock	
Engulfed	
Bellowed	
Avidly	

Describe Dame Olga's daughters. How does Ella feel about them?

How can you tell that the rug may be important to the story?

Chapter 4

Word	What I think it means
Genuine	
Interrogated	
Conniver	

According to Mandy, what are humans like, compared to fairies or gnomes?

Why would Ella's father want to send her to finishing school with Dame Olga's daughters, when he doesn't seem to like them any more than Ella does?

Chapter 5

Word	What I think it means
Voluminous	
oaf	

Look at the middle of page 34. It reads, “Mandy wasn’t one to mince words.” What do you think “mincing words” means?

Do you agree with Ella’s father’s decision to send her to finishing school instead of letting her have a governess? Why or why not?

Chapter 6

Word	What I think it means
stricken	
Haughty	

Predict what you think will happen to the toddler gnome.

Chapter 7

Word	What I think it means
Winced	
Lunged	
Solemnly	

Who do you think the three people are that the gnome warned Ella about?

What has Hattie discovered about Ella?

Chapter 8

Word	What I think it means
retreated	
Gloating	
Inedible	
Relished	

What is special about Ella's book from Mandy?

Drinking Tonic always makes Ella feel better. Do you think the tonic will have any effect on Hattie? Why or why not?

Chapter 9

Word	What I think it means
Unkempt	
Knack	
Impertinence	

What is your opinion of Sewing Mistress? Why do you think that?

Why is Areida so eager to teach the Ayorthian language to Ella?

Chapter 10

Word	What I think it means
Corridor	
Undulating	
Succumb	
Perspiration	

Why do you think Ella spends extra time practicing Ogrese?

Why do you think the finishing school teaches singing, dancing, writing, sewing and manners, but not math, science, or social studies?

Chapter 11

Word	What I think it means
Inaudible	
gaiety	

Ella asks Hattie if she “rubs her feet in brine.” What do you think she means by this?

What would you recommend Ella do regarding Hattie’s newest order?

Chapter 12

Word	What I think it means
Desolate	
Luxuriant	
Skirmishes	
paltry	

Which statements made by Dame Olga suggest that she might be interested in Sir Peter?

Why do you think Ella is worried that Char might not like her anymore?

Chapter 13

Word	What I think it means
Conceal	
fluently	

According to Slannen, what is the difference between Ella and her father?

What is your opinion of Slannen?

Chapter 14

Word	What I think it means
Sufficient	
bickering	

How are the ogres different from the elves?

If you were Ella, would you regret your decision to leave finishing school at this point?

Chapter 15

Word	What I think it means
Benefactors	
wearisome	

What is beeswax used for in this chapter?

Describe how Ella tamed the ogres.

Chapter 16

Word	What I think it means
toiling	
frolic	

What mistakes do you notice in Olive and Hattie's letters?

Chapter 17

Word	What I think it means
Torso	
Diverted	
Perplexity	
Unblemished	

Compare and contrast a giant's wedding to a human's wedding.

How did Ella know that the fairy she saw was indeed Lucinda?

Why is Lucinda's gift actually a curse?

Chapter 18

Word	What I think it means
Guile	
Delicacy	
Ecstatic	

Why do you think Ella's father wants Mandy to use the mushrooms?

How do you feel about Sir Peter, based on this chapter?

Chapter 19

Word	What I think it means
bland	
solicitous	

What effect did the mushrooms have on Ella?

How would you compare and contrast Ella's emotions after Mandy told her not to be happy about being obedient?

Chapter 20

Word	What I think it means
Desolation	
Odious	

What reason did Ella have for asking Hattie not to talk to her?

How do you think Sir Peter and Dame Olga will feel about Lucinda's gift?

Chapter 21

Word	What I think it means
Shortcomings	
Ruefully	
Preserved	

How do Ella and Char feel about Lucinda's gift?

Chapter 22

Word	What I think it means
Tyranny	
Omitted	

How would you feel if you were Dame Olga?

Why was it wise of Ella to ask Char to send his letters to Mandy?

Chapter 23

Word	What I think it means
Obstinate	
Lye	
Unguents	

Explain why Mandy requested the Ella become a servant in the kitchen.

Did Ella have a good reason to put the passiflora in Dame Olga's fish?

Why or why not?

Chapter 24

Word	What I think it means
Squalor	
Respite	
Recollected	
Condemn	

How are Ayorthians different from Kyrrians?

What emotions do you think Ella will have in response to Char's letter?

Chapter 25

Word	What I think it means
Spawn	
Correspondence	
Ploy	
Reparations	

Why does Ella lie to Char and tell him that she's married?

Suppose you were Char. How would you feel after reading Ella's letter?

Chapter 26

Word	What I think it means
Distress	
Preceding	
Thorough	

Why might you consider what Areida said to Char, a bold thing to say?

How would you compare the setting in chapter 26 to a Cinderella story?

Chapter 27

Word	What I think it means
affliction	
Partake	

What is Ella's new name and where does she say she is from?

Chapter 28

Word	What I think it means
conceal	
Interrogate	
Shunned	

Describe how Char feels about Hattie.

What is Hattie's motive for pulling off Ella's mask?

Chapter 29

Word	What I think it means
Rubbish	
Jubilant	

Why was Ella able to marry Char in the end?
