

Christie Edmunds: Comprehension questions

Try answering these questions to check you understood the story of Christie Edmunds.

1. Look at the first page of the story. Why has Christie been “desperately trying to cheer herself up?”

2. Read the paragraph which begins: *Reaching the newspaper stall...* (page 2)

What does Christie think about Penny Dreadful magazines and Victorian newspapers?

3. Read the part of the story when Christie goes home to her mother (pages 5 and 6). What does it tell you about Mother’s character? Give two adjectives to describe her and a piece of evidence for each.

Adjective	Evidence (quote/s from the text)

4. Look at page 8. Why has Christie bought strychnine poison?

5. What gives Christie the idea to use poison to kill Dr Beard’s wife? (pages 8 and 9)

6. After failing to kill Emily, why does Christie decide to poison more chocolates? (page 10)

7. Look at the paragraph beginning: *As winter gave way to spring...* (page 12)

List two things that Christie does during this time to make sure people eat her poisoned chocolates.

1. _____

2. _____

8. What does Sidney Barker want to see in Brighton, and why? (page 13)

9. Who do people suspect is the Chocolate Cream Killer, before Dr Beard talks to the police? (pages 14 and 15)

10. In your opinion, was Christie “insane”?
