

ENGLISH

Mr. Badger Answers Guided Reading

- 1. Underline the phrase which shows that Ratty and Mole have been suffering from extreme cold?**

Why, you must be perished.

- 2. Which two phrases does Badger say which leads us to think that he has already been disturbed before Mole and Ratty arrive?**

'Now the *very* next time this happens, I shall be exceedingly angry'
'Who is it *this* time, disturbing people on such a night? Speak up!'

- 3. The last paragraph suggests Badger is more friendly than at the beginning of the extract. What do you think will happen next? Make reference to the text.**

Towards the end of the passage, once Badger has realised who is at the door, he becomes very welcoming. He ushers the terrified Ratty and Mole into the warmth of the fire-lit kitchen. I think that Badger will offer his two visitors food and a warm drink to enjoy.

- 4. With reference to the text, give some examples of language used by the author to show the reader how cold it was outside.**

Ratty pleads with Badger to let him and Mole in and says they have 'lost their way in the snow'. Badger himself recognises that they must be perished. Both of the small animals are very eager to get inside into the warmth; as they hear the door shut behind them they experience 'great joy and relief'. Badger must be able to see how cold they are as he says there is a 'first-rate' fire in the kitchen.

- 5. Where had Ratty and Mole been out walking?**

In the Wild Wood.

- 6. Can you summarise Mr. Badger's personality in 3 sentences?**

Badger is a suspicious creature with a short temper. We know this because he is initially exceedingly angry at the disturbance at his door. He is a loyal and caring friend who is eager to take care of Ratty and Mole once he realises who they are.