

Sum2 Wk3 - English - Monday

E Nesbit's The Railway Children

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Task 1

Read these few pages from Chapter 11 (the last chapter of the book).

“No, no,” said Bobbie, bewildered. “Of course not, but on a day like *what*, Mr Perks?”

“Didn't I tell you? I saw it in the paper!”

“Saw what in the paper?” said Bobbie, but the 11.45 was steaming in. Perks had to rush away, leaving Bobbie alone with just the station cat for company.

Only three people got out of the train: a countryman with chickens, a woman carrying a tin box and three brown-paper parcels – and the third ...

“*Oh! My daddy, my daddy!*” Bobbie screamed in amazement.

She almost flew down the platform towards a tall, pale man.

Hearing her scream, people put their heads out of the train windows and saw Bobbie hurl herself at her father, as his arms went tightly around her.

“I knew something wonderful was going to happen,” Bobbie said, walking home with Father and clinging tightly to his hand. “But I didn't know it was going to be you.”

“Didn't Mother get my letter?” asked her father.

“We didn't get any letters today,” said Bobbie. “Oh, Daddy, it *is* really you, isn't it?”

“You go in by yourself, Bobbie,” said Father when they had reached the house. “Tell Mother quite quietly that everything is all right. They've caught the man who did it.

Everyone knows now that it wasn't me.”

And so Bobbie went inside to tell their mother that the long parting was over. Father had come home to them at last.

Father waited outside among the late summer flowers, but his eyes kept turning towards the house.

Eventually a door opened and Bobbie called. “Come in, Daddy. Come in!”

Softly closing the door of the cottage, Bobbie, Phyllis and Peter slipped out into the flowering fields, leaving their parents alone together. They understood that, just now, neither they nor anyone else was needed there with them.

What was the ending of the story? Why do you think the author chose this ending?

Did you enjoy the book? Explain your opinion.