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Chapter 11

Willie's friends call round and they have a great evening planning their new local newspaper, 'The Gazette'. William wakes up the next morning to find that, for the first time since he arrived, he hasn't wet the bed.

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Chapter 12

The children are rehearsing for the school show, 'A Christmas Carol', when Willie has to stand in to play a part. It turns out he is a natural actor - he simply uses his vivid imagination to picture a character and then acts it out. When he arrives home Tom informs him that he will be taking over as the organist for the Christmas carol service. Both are very excited and nervous about their new roles.

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Chapter 13

Willie and Tom attend their choir practice and it turns out that Tom is an excellent organist. Later he plays some tunes for William that remind him of his wife Rachel. He later tells Willie about Rachel's death and that his son was also named William. Tom admits to Willie that he enjoyed taking part in the choir.

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Chapter 14

Willie is at last promoted to Mrs Hartridge's class where he surprises everybody with how much he has progressed and amazes them with his paintings.

Read pages 197-201 to finish the chapter.

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What might the letter say?
How do you think Willie and Mister Tom will be feeling about
the letter?

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Mum has not been in contact with Willie since he came to live
with Mister Tom.

What might Mister Tom write back to Willie's mum?

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- Paragraph 3 - explain the new friends Willie has made since arriving
- Conclusion - Willie is happy, does she really need him back?
- Yours Sincerely.....

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The Cottage by the Graveyard
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Mrs S Beech
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Deptford
London SE4 6RJ

Monday 6th March, 1940

Dear Mrs Beech,

Thank you for your letter requesting that Willie returns home to you. It is has been a while since we have heard from you so I thought it important to let you know how Willie is faring; I imagine you are frantic with worry about the lad. Let me assure you that he has settled in very well to country living, so well, infact, that you may not even recognise him upon his return!

Shortly after his arrival, Willie was taken ill: he was nauseous and lacked energy. This concerned me so I immediately took him to the village doctor. Upon examination, significant bruising was noticed upon various parts of his body! Willie would not say how this occurred. I don't wish to alarm you but the doctor measured Willie and found that his height and weight both fell far below expectation for a child of his age. This led to a diagnosis of malnutrition. However, since then Willie has made great progress with his health. Sammy (my dog) and Willie love to run in the field and Willie's bedwetting (which the doctor said was due to malnutrition) has completed stopped. Fortunately, he will return to you in perfect health.

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As you know, Willie could not

Over these last few months, ...

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When he lived in London, Willie informed me that.....

In the village, he has

He now enjoys.....

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Write a letter from Mr Tom to Willie's mum using the structure below.

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