



Worksheet 2

Mad Tom

Know Your Meanings!

Throughout the story, the author uses some interesting vocabulary to add detail to the storyline and describe the characters and their actions. See if you can circle the correct meaning for the following underlined words taken from the story. (Check your answers in a dictionary!)

1. The only one I can ever remember is that corny old thing about the escaped lunatic and the car broken down at night.

A lunatic is: **a)** a crazy person
 b) a smelly person

2. Mad Tom was an old hermit who lived in these parts in the old days.

A hermit is: **a)** someone who travels around a lot
 b) someone who likes to live alone

3. "Footsteps!" She was right, we shuddered.

When you shudder, you: **a)** shiver and tremble
 b) jump up and down

4. A small quivering shape landed beside me on the bed.

Quivering means: **a)** shaking
 b) crying

5. Minutes later, muddy, bedraggled, still in our pyjamas, we turned up at the farm house, hysterical with fear.

Bedraggled means:
a) scared
b) wet and untidy

