

The Wind in the Willows • Worksheet

1. What or who do the phrases below describe? Write the answer after each one.
(The same answer may be used more than once.)

- A. rippling with glints and gleams and sparkles
- B. a soggy lump of misery
- C. a grand house with a lawn that went right down to the river
- D. a hopelessly bad driver
- E. a small brown face with whiskers
- F. a changed animal



2. Cross out the word in each group which *doesn't* mean the same, or almost the same, as the other three.

- A. coughing - chattering - spluttering - choking
- B. victims - scoundrels - villains - rascals
- C. scared - frightened - fearless - afraid
- D. cheerful - reckless - happy - carefree

3. Match the questions with their answers.

- A. "How's Toad?" "Oh, that's the Wild Wood."
- B. "What's over there?" "Of course!"
- C. "Whatever happened?" "Going from bad to worse."
- D. "Can we visit Mr. Toad?" "It's all very well to *talk*."
- E. "I thought you had a new boat?" "It's quite a story..."
- F. "Would you like to come over?" "Oh pooh!"

4. Circle the two words that have changed places in the sentences below.

- A. Toad was at the driving door adjusting his front goggles.
- B. Toad was on duty when Rat asked for a doctor and a lawyer.
- C. Feeling very pleased with himself, he went inn until he reached an on.
- D. As if in a engine, Toad started the dream...
- E. The jailer's daughter noticed and it made her thin to see him so sad and unhappy.
- F. She piled him a plate handed high with hot buttered toast.

5. Choose the word on the right that best matches the phrase on the left.

- A. "I am just too clever for Ratty." reckless
- B. He drove off at top speed. despairing
- C. Then, with a leap of his heart, he remembered – he was free! boastful
- D. "This is the end of everything." relieved

