*Lenny’s Book of Everything* by Karen Foxlee

15 questions from which to choose. Each question is worth 2 points.

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|  | Question | Answer | Page number |
| 1 | List four things that describe Mrs Gasper as provided by Lenny in the first chapter. | Choose from:  She loves Apollo 11  Two Pomeranians Karl and Karla  Originally from Hungary  Lives at unit 17 in the same block as Lenny’s family  Apartment smells of dogs and ashtray, filled in white cigarette filters, decorated with peach lipstick  Room filled with tan crocheted doilies and pumpkin-coloured throw rugs  Had an orange beehive (wig)  Wore hand-knitted clothes  She has lots of vivid dreams about the kids | pp. 3-4 (½ mark for each detail/item) |
| 2 | Three things happened around Davey’s 5th birthday. Name two of them | Choose from:  Their father left one last time and never returned  Davey threw a tantrum over nothing and cried himself out  ‘The Thing’ | p. 9 (1 mark for each – can say the thing is Davey started growing unusually quickly) |
| 3 | What is the exact name of the prize the family win? How often and how many arrive? | Two issues of *Burrell’s Build-it-at-Home Encyclopedia* arrives every Friday. | p. 34 (1 mark for exact title, and ½ mark for two issues and ½ mark for every Friday) |
| 4 | How did Mrs Gasper respond when the children told her they were reading about the abominable snowman? | She said ‘Pah. I saw him once when I was walking home from school in Hungary’. | p. 35 (2 marks for exact statement. Part mark for expressing the idea) |
| 5 | What type of animal does Lenny start to obsess about? Which one is Davey’s favourite? | Lenny loves beetles and Davey loves the golden eagle | pp. 52-53 |
| 6 | How does the author use the chapter section headings to reinforce the two main ideas of the story? | Each one is a letter of the alphabet to align with the encyclopedia issues the children receive. They also include Davey’s height as he ages and continues to grow through the novel | Throughout novel (1 mark for letters matching issues and 1 mark for height matching Davey growing) |
| 7 | What phrase does Nanny Flora use to show that she is finished talking to Lenny on the telephone? | She says ‘put your mother on’ | Throughout novel 2 marks for exact phrase |
| 8 | Who is writing the letters through the novel? What are they about? | The letters are exchanged between Lenny’s mother, Mrs Cynthia Spink and the general Sales Manager of Burrell’s Publishing Company Martha Brent. They argue over whether the encyclopedia prize should include the covers. | Throughout novel (½ mark for Cynthia. ½ mark for Martha. ½ mark for naming the company. ½ mark for the dispute over covers) |
| 9 | What’s the date of Davey’s first operation and what is its full name? | May 6 1976  Transsphenoidal surgery for excision of pituitary tumours | p. 127 (1 mark for date and 1 mark for name of surgery) |
| 10 | What did CJ do on the same day as Davey’s operation? How did she get to do it? | She played the drums in the school band and continued with an impromptu solo. She got to play because Artie the drummer gets sick, and his understudy Martin is sick too. | pp. 145-147 (2 marks for full answer) |
| 11 | Why does Lenny keep visiting Great-Aunt Em? Why does Great-Aunt Em want Lenny to visit? | Lenny wants to hear stories about her father. Great-Aunt Em wants Lenny to keep her company and run her errands | pp. 181-182 |
| 12 | What letter of the encyclopedia are Lenny and Davey up to when Mr King comes to dinner for the last time? Why does Lenny vandalise his car? | They are up to the ‘M’ issues.  Mr King tried to hurt his mother. | p. 198  p. 220 |
| 13 | How did Lenny’s mother behave when the man from the *Guinness Book of World Records* knocked on their door? Who did she think had told them about Davey and given him their address? | She yelled at him. She wacked him on the head with a tea towel. She chased him down the hall and down the stairs. He never came back. Lenny’s mother believed Mr Petersburg was responsible. | pp. 190-192 |
| 14 | Describe Lenny’s feelings before she goes to the school dance with Davey. Describe them by the end of the dance. | She is ashamed of Davey’s bad dancing, and her hairy werewolf pelt of shames comes out. By the end of the dance, she doesn’t feel that shame anymore because everyone accepts and loves Davey’s dancing. She feels fresh and clean. | pp. 293-295 |
| 15 | Pick two people and explained how they helped Lenny’s family and made Davey’s final weeks more comfortable. How does Lenny describe these final days? How do she and Davey say goodbye? | Choose from:  Mr Engelmann – made Davey a bigger bed (p. 309)  Mrs Gasper – Made soup (p. 322)  Nanny Flora – washed sheets (p. 322)  Mrs Bartholomew – arranged hospice care (p. 322)  Mr Kelmendi – sent flatbread (p. 322)  Miss Finny – brought cake (p. 322)  Mrs Dalrymple and Mrs Oliver – washed and dried dishes (p. 325)  Mr Petersburg – bought Davey field glasses (p. 326)  Lenny says there were ‘goodness in those moments’ of these days. They were good.  Lenny and Davey squeeze each other’s hands in morse code | ½ mark for each person and deed  ½ mark for describing days  ½ mark for way of saying goodbye |