

Reading

A. Answer these questions.

1.) What surprised the speaker when he was on his way home?

→ The speaker was surprised on his way home when he was licked on the back of the neck by a dog, which was not even his dog.

2.) What did the speaker find in the cubbyhole? What did he think on seeing the item?

→ The speaker opened the cubbyhole and finds a woman's handbag that he had never seen before. The speaker found himself in an awkward situation and was confused that he was in the dog's car or the dog was in his car. And in that awkward situation, he started to find chewing gum in the cubbyhole but couldn't find and checked in the woman's bag whether chewing gum was there or not.

③ No, there was nothing for it but to drive out and make a clean breast of it.

(a) where had the speaker decided to drive to?

→ The speaker decided to drive headlong to the address written on the dog's collar with the desire to confess everything.

(b) How was he going to 'make a clean breast of it'?

→ The narrator was at the end of a mud lane, just off a side road. However, he made it and it turned out to be quite a pleasant little farmhouse, with a bit of courtyard in front and a few cows. And he got out of the car and he was going to knock on the door and a man opened the door and welcomed him.

(c) How was he feeling when he made this decision?

→ He was very nervous and afraid/scared of his decision.



(4) who was arthur? who was shila?

→ Arthur was the dog's owner and shila was the dog.

(5) "No, you haven't darling, you put them in Mr. what's - it's car."

(a) who said this to whom?

→ Arthur said to his wife.

(b) who was mr. what's - it's car? why was he called so?

→ The narrator was Mr. what's - it's car. He was called so because the narrator was confused that it's his car or the dog's even he was sitting in his car only.

(c) what had 'darling' put in his car?

→ 'darling' had put her handbag and her pet dog in his car.