

Trivia Questions for *The Chocolate Touch*
by Patrick Skene Catling (1952)

Chapter 1

1. John Midas is not supposed to pretend to be a...*what*...when his sister is asleep?
 - **a tiger**
2. What was John Midas's going-to-school present?
 - **a trumpet and music lessons**
3. What is the name of John Midas's music teacher?
 - **Miss Quaver**
4. John Midas's one bad fault was that he was a pig about candy. What kind of candy? The author lists 16 kinds – which of your classrooms can remember the most?
 - **boiled candy**
 - **cotton candy**
 - **licorice (all-sorts)**
 - **old-fashioned toffee**
 - **candied orange or lemon slices**
 - **crackerjack**
 - **jelly beans**
 - **fudge**
 - **black-currant lozenges (for ticklish throats)**
 - **nougat**
 - ***marrons glâces***
 - **acid drops**
 - **peppermint sticks**
 - **lollipops**
 - **marshmallows**
 - **chocolates**
5. What is the name of John Midas's doctor?
 - **Dr. Cranium**
6. Who says, "Different parts of your body need different kinds of food"?
 - **Dr. Cranium**

7. What is John's favorite kind of candy?
 - **chocolate**
8. Who says, "Other things are just food. But chocolate's chocolate"?
 - **John Midas**

Chapter 2

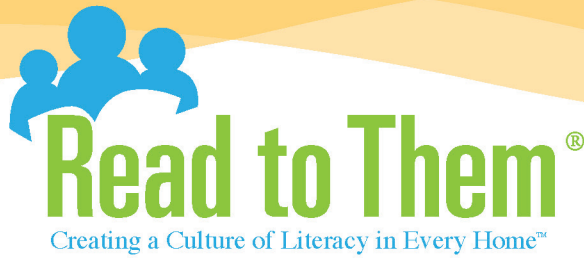
9. What initials were on the strange coin John found on the ground?
 - **J.M.**
10. In the new candy shop, where does the storekeeper's chocolate come from?
 - **the heart of Africa**
11. What does John's tonic taste like? (Can you name all five things?)
 - **soap**
 - **mud**
 - **glue**
 - **ink**
 - **paint**

Chapter 3

12. What color is John's new toothpaste?
 - **pink**
13. What is the name of John's toothpaste?
 - **Blanco-Dent**
14. What does John's orange juice taste like?
 - **chocolate juice**
15. What did John put on his toast at breakfast?
 - **chocolate butter and chocolate marmalade**

Chapter 4

16. After breakfast, what does John begin to chew which surprisingly tasted like chocolate?
 - **his leather glove**



17. Who says, “Don’t they feed you where you live?”

- **Spider Wilson**

18. Why does Susan Buttercup say, “John Midas, I hate you”?

- **he bit a chunk out of her birthday coin**

Chapter 5

19. What turns to chocolate during John’s arithmetic test?

- **his pencil**

Chapter 6

20. When John approaches Susan on the playground, she won’t let him skip rope with her and her friends. What does she do instead?

- **she sticks out her tongue**

21. What does John offer to eat next to prove the chocolate magic is true?

- **Susan’s skipping rope**

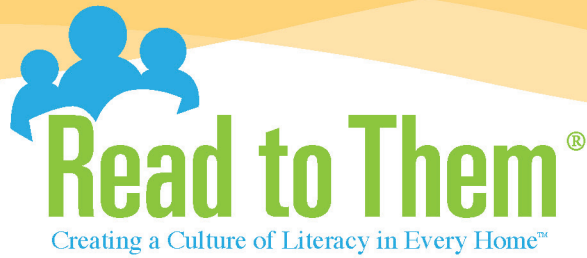
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22. What two (non-chocolate) foods does John see first that make his mouth water?

- **milk**
- **cherries**

23. When John gets to the cafeteria, he finally wants to consume all the “sensible things” (normal, healthy food) available. Can you list what was on his tray? (7 items)

- **cold chicken and ham**
- **potato chips**
- **lettuce-and-tomato salad**
- **milk**
- **whole-wheat roll (with a pat of butter)**
- **ice water**
- **fresh fruit (orange and grapefruit slices, a banana)**



Chapter 8

24. Who says, “The more words you know, the more exactly you can think”?
- **Miss Plimsole**
25. What disastrously turns to chocolate during the music rehearsal?
- **John’s trumpet**

Chapter 9

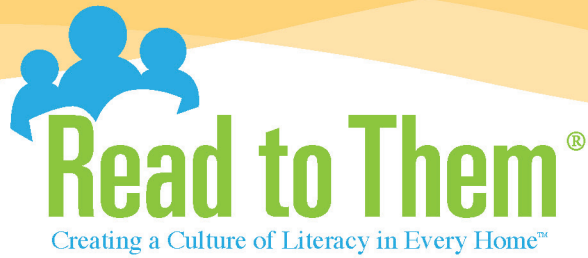
26. Who’s birthday party is John supposed to attend?
- **Susan Buttercup’s**
27. What game does the “chocolate touch” run at Susan Buttercup’s birthday party?
- **ducking for apples**

Chapter 10

28. What is the only thing left where the supposed new candy shop used to be?
- **a “For Sale” sign**
29. What is the name of the new medicine Dr. Cranium gives John?
- **Dr. Cranium’s Elixir**
30. Who says, “Mercy! The boy’s whole system seems to be so chocolatified that it chocolatifies everything it touches”?
- **Dr. Cranium**
31. What is Cranium’s Disease?
- **chocolatitis**

Chapter 11

32. What items are in the windows of the building where the candy store used to be?
- **a chocolate trumpet**
 - **a chocolate pencil**
 - **a silver dollar with a piece missing out of it**
 - **a cafeteria tray with chocolate utensils and remnants of a chocolate lunch**



33. Who says, “Only greedy people can even see that kind of money”?
- **the proprietor of the secret candy shop**

Chapter 12

34. What does Mrs. Midas want to drink when John comes home?
- **some coffee**
35. What does she offer John to drink?
- **a nice glass of cold milk**
36. Now, what’s the only thing where the mysterious candy store used to be?
- **a sign that says SOLD**