EN9 The Decision

Questions

1. Why did Myra sometimes find it difficult being married to a scientist? How did John usually answer her objections?
2. Why was the rock a serious cause for concern? Why did Kit decide to fish beneath it?
3. For what two reasons did the falling rock fail to set off the electric warning?
4. Why was it impossible to determine the direction in which the train was moving? How successful was the “Boy Scout” trick of putting one’s ear to the rail? Why did John use that trick?
5. “All his life he had dreaded some such moment as this.” Why did John Bagley, a highly educated and expert scientist, realize that the problem could not be solved scientifically? (Carefully read the paragraph from which the quotation has been taken.)
6. Why did John decide he could never tell his family that he had guessed which way the train had been coming? (Remember to give a good reason for your answer.)