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Study Guide: Chapters 1-6
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Answer each of the following in complete sentences.

Chapter 1

1. Describe the following characters:
 - a. Arthur Dent

 - b. Ford Prefect

 - c. Mr. L. Prosser

2. What is the predicament which Arthur is facing in the opening chapter, and how is this a **satire** about *bureaucracy*?

3. Why has Ford been waiting on earth for the past 15 years?

Chapter 2

4. According to Ford, what event is about to happen?

5. Why must today be a Thursday (according to Arthur)?

Chapter 3

6. How does Ford know the world is about to end?

7. What is *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*?

8. Why do you think it says the words "*Don't Panic*" on the cover of the book?
9. What is the most important thing an interstellar hitchhiker needs to carry with them? Give at least three reasons why.
10. Who is Prostetnic Vogon Jeltz? Why has he come to earth? How is this ironic?
11. What happens to earth at the end of chapter 3?

Chapter 4

12. Describe Zaphod Beeblebrox. What kind of person is he? Why is he the perfect parody of a leader?
13. What is the *Heart of Gold*, and what does Beeblebrox plan to do with it?
14. Who is Trillian?

Chapter 5

15. Where are Arthur and Ford, and how have they gotten here?
16. Describe the Vogons. Who are they a parody of?
17. How does Ford explain UFO sightings on earth?

Chapter 6

18. What is a *Babel Fish* and what does it do?
19. How does the Babel Fish prove the non-existence of God?
20. In the Hitchhiker's Guide, what is the entry for earth?