

## Reading Revision- Fiction

### Things That Go Chirp in the Night

The evening had turned jet black and the rain hammered at Billy's face. Billy yanked his hood down over his forehead and dashed towards the entrance of the school. The lights were off but the door was slightly ajar so he snuck in. He knew no one would believe him if he said he'd accidentally taken the chick so he thought it best to stay under the radar of Mr Ryan (the school building supervisor). As he tiptoed down the old, familiar corridors, he felt a shiver run down his spine as in the darkness everything looked very different. His eyes had to work hard to adjust to the darkness and the abandoned PE kits that were strewn on the floor looked like crouching animals waiting to leap at him. Billy's heart beat faster. Whilst the terror of the corridor was almost enough to make Billy want to run home, he knew he had to get to the EYFS classroom and put the helpless chick back in its rightful place. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw a shaft of light beaming from their door and was extremely thankful that the teacher must have forgotten to turn her light off. He dashed inside the classroom and breathed a sigh of relief.



1. Find and copy three ways that the author shows that Billy is feeling fearful.

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2. Why is Billy sneaking back into school?

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3. '...the abandoned PE kits that were strewn on the floor...'

In this line, the word 'strewn' is closest in meaning to... (Tick one.)

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hidden	<input type="checkbox"/>	scattered	<input type="checkbox"/>



4. 'Whilst the terror of the corridor was almost enough to make Billy want to run home, he knew he had to get to the EYFS classroom...'

What makes Billy keep going even though he is feeling frightened?

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## Reading Revision- Non Fiction

### The Second World War Diary of George Bramwell, aged 14

I'm feeling really confused tonight. We listened to another broadcast yesterday by Charles Gardner who was describing a dog fight near Dover. I thought it sounded brilliant; we could hear the bombing going on in the background as Gardner described what was happening and I couldn't help but cheer along with him as he reported what he could see '...and there he goes. Smash!' A lot of people have been complaining about it though. Elsie said Emmie was crying and shouting, 'It's not a football match!' at the wireless. I know people are losing their lives but it is hard not to get caught up in all the excitement too. Sometimes it feels like this war is all just a big game but I suppose if we were the players it wouldn't be so entertaining. I feel very guilty now for enjoying listening to the broadcast. I don't think I'll be able to sleep tonight.



1. What does the phrase '**dog fight**' mean?

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2. **Compare** how the two characters, George (the narrator) and Emmie, react differently to the broadcast?

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3. '*Sometimes it feels like this war is just a big game but I suppose if we were the players it wouldn't be so entertaining.*'

**Explain** George's mixed feelings when he wrote this sentence in his diary.

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4. **Find and copy** the word that was used in the 1940s for 'radio'.

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## Reading Revision- Poetry

### The April Joke

Oh, it was a merry, gladsome day,  
 When the April Fool met the Queen of May;  
 She had roguish eyes and golden hair,  
 And they were a mischief-making pair.  
 They planned the funniest kind of a joke  
 On the poor, long-suffering mortal folk;  
 And a few mysterious words he said,  
 His fool's cap close to her flower-crowned head.  
 Then he laughed till he made his cap-bells ring,  
 At the thought of the topsy-turvy Spring.  
 "Tis a fair exchange," he said, with a wink—  
 "It is!" she said, and what do you think?  
 The flowers that should bloom in the month of May  
 Every one of them came on an April day!  
 And they looked for April showers in vain,  
 But all through May it did nothing but rain!



1. Tick true or false in the following table:

	True	False
The April Fool had roguish eyes.		
It rained all through April.		
No flowers bloomed in May.		



2. Do you think that the April Fool and the Queen of May had played tricks on the 'mortal folk' before?

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3. Find and copy the phrase that tells you that the pair of mischief-makers were sitting close together and secretly whispering about their plans.

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4. What does the poet mean by a 'topsy-turvy Spring'?

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