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T: understand a poem

- 1) Who wrote the poem?
- 2) Who are the two main characters in the poem?
- 3) What happened to Matilda and the house in the end?
- 4) Why did the people not believe Matilda when she shouted to tell them about the real fire?
- 5) Find a pair of words that rhyme.
- 6) The 10th line from the end says 'You should have heard her Scream and Bawl'. What do 'Scream' and 'Bawl' tell you about Matilda's voice?
- 7) What lesson is the author trying to teach us?
- 8) Can you think of a time when you have got in trouble for lying like Matilda did?

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- 1) Hilaire Belloc (AF2)
- 2) Matilda and her Aunt (AF2)
- 3) They were burned down (AF2)
- 4) Because she had lied before about their being a fire (AF3)
- 5) Any pair of rhyming words (AF4)
- 6) That Matilda shouted very loudly (AF5)
- 7) Not to tell lies (AF6)
- 8) Any time when you have lied and got in trouble for it (AF7)