

Date

T: understand a poem

- 1) Which city is the poem set in?
- 2) Where was Matilda's Aunt when the real fire happened?
- 3) What did people say to Matilda when they heard her shout 'Fire!'?
- 4) Why did Matilda '**tiptoe**' to the phone to call the Fire Brigade?
- 5) Do you think the people were right to ignore Matilda when she asked for help?
- 6) How do you think the fire fighters felt (the first time Matilda called them) when they found out that there was no fire? Explain your answer (use because).
- 7) The author could have split the poem in to different verses between line 30 (To get the Men to go away!) and line 31 (It happened that a few weeks later). Why might this have been a good place to split the poem in to two verses?
- 8) How can you tell from looking at the poem that it is a poem and not another type of text, like a story or a report?
- 9) Why is galloped a good word to describe how the Fire Brigade travelled to Matilda's house?
- 10) Find and copy the lines that contain a semi-colon.
- 11) What is the moral of the poem?
- 12) Which two lines of the poem would have been different if the poem was set in a different city? Explain your answer (use because).

Date

T: understand a poem

- 1) London (AF2)
- 2) At the theatre (AF2)
- 3) 'Little Liar!' (AF2)
- 4) Because she did not want to make any noise / she did not want her Aunt to hear her (AF3)
- 5) Yes because she had lied about there being a fire before
No because they should have helped her because she was in danger (AF3)
- 6) Angry because they had come to the house for no reason / there might have been a fire somewhere else while they were at Matilda's house (AF3)
- 7) Because there is a break of a few weeks between these lines / line 30 is the end of the first part of the poem where Matilda lies (AF4)
- 8) It is written in 'lines', without full sentences and each line going to the edge of the page (AF4)
- 9) 'Galopped' shows that the Fire Brigade travelled quickly (AF5)
- 10) It made one Gasp and Stretch one's eyes;
In showing them they were not needed; (AF5)
- 11) Don't tell lies (AF6)
- 12) 'Of London's Noble Fire Brigade' and 'From Putney, Hackney Downs and Bow' because these are places in London (AF7)