

Question 1

Mrs Higginbotham blew her whistle and all the classes filed into their classrooms. Tilly and Jack stood at their table, and Miss Scarborough explained that today they would be doing more work on their project about the Victorians.

Question 2

There were several pictures of Queen Victoria on the classroom wall. In each one she was wearing black clothes. All her clothes were black, and she never seemed to be smiling.

Question 3

Ten minutes later she sat down at the kitchen table with what she had found. It was a slab of raw jelly, straight from the packet – before it had been made into normal jelly by mixing it with boiling water and letting it set in the fridge.

Question 4

Tilly got off her chair and went down the hall. She opened the flap where the letters came through and peered out. She could see two raincoats and two pairs of hands. One of the hands was holding an important-looking briefcase with a small picture of a crown printed on it in gold.

Question 5

Tilly wondered if her dad would get into trouble if the men found out that she was all alone in the house, so she told them a little fib that was sort of half true, so it didn't feel like a fib.

'He's gone for a run,' she said.

'Do you think we could come in and wait for him? We're from your father's work,' said