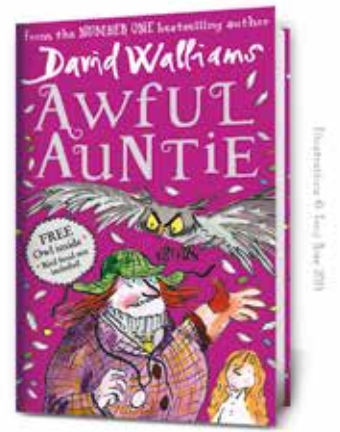


David Walliams

AWFUL AuNTiE



Detectives

I can show understanding of what I have read by drawing inferences from within the text and justifying them with evidence

'Soot listened to everything the girl said with interest, and when she had finished he thought for a moment. "It is all very fishy, m'lady," he said. "But if ya want the old moo locked up ya need proof."

"Yes, I suppose I do," agreed the girl. "Let's become detectives – just like in my favourite books!" A bolt of energy passed through Stella's body at the thought, and she leaped excitedly to her feet.

"Real-life detectives!" Soot was becoming excited now too.

"And if we work together, we can look for clues. Now where do you think we should start?"

The ghost thought for a moment. "The garage! Find out what 'appened to the car."

"Let's go, Detective Soot!"

"Right ya are, Detective m'lady!"

David Walliams' book *Awful Auntie* is made up of multiple interlinked mysteries which are gradually solved as the story unfolds. If you have finished reading the book, answer these questions to unravel each one. If you have not yet finished reading the book, use these questions to make predictions about what you think will be revealed.

- 1) What happened to baby Herbert?
- 2) What happened to Stella's parents?
- 3) What would Aunt Alberta's motives be for acting strangely?
- 4) Even Detective Strauss proved to be a mystery – who was he and why did he not help Stella?
- 5) How did Stella work out that her parents had been poisoned?
- 6) Why did Soot haunt Saxby Hall?
- 7) Who is Soot really, and how does Stella work this out?