

# Buttercup

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**This task is about reading to find information and make inferences.**

Read the play *Buttercup* by Margaret Schroder (*Junior Journal 18*, 1998) then answer the following questions.

a) In the play the burglars have been called "1st Burglar" and "2nd Burglar".

What are their real names?

and .

b) Where is the play set?

c) What are **three** things the burglars plan to steal from the house?

1.

2.

3.

d) In this play, what does the word "loot" mean?

Silver plates

Stolen goods

Jewellery

Weapons

Look at this part of the play.

**1st BURGLAR** We must be hearing things.

**STRANGE VOICE** (*from off stage – slow and scary*).

Buttercup ... is ... watching ... you ...

**1st BURGLAR** There it is again!

e) The words 1<sup>st</sup> BURGLAR and STRANGE VOICE have been written in capital letters.  
What does this show?

f) Some words have been written in *italic* letters. What does this show?

g) In the line "**Buttercup . . . is . . . watching . . . you . . . .**" dots have been put between the words.  
What do these tell the reader to do?