

Buttercup

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 1st 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?

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