



Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

gust

trails

crept

twittering

drew

tilting

string

chirping

flurry

pulled

crawled

leaning

Skimming and scanning for information

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She put her hands under the leaves and began to pull and push them aside. Thick as the ivy hung, it nearly all was a loose and swinging curtain, though some had crept over wood and iron. Mary's heart began to thump and her hands began to shake a little in her delight and excitement. The robin kept singing and twittering away and tilting his head on one side, as if he were as excited as she was. What was this under her hands which was square and made of iron and which her fingers found a hole in?

It was the lock of the door which had been closed ten years, and she put her hand in her pocket, drew out the key, and found it fitted the keyhole. She put the key in and turned it. It took two hands to do it but it did turn.

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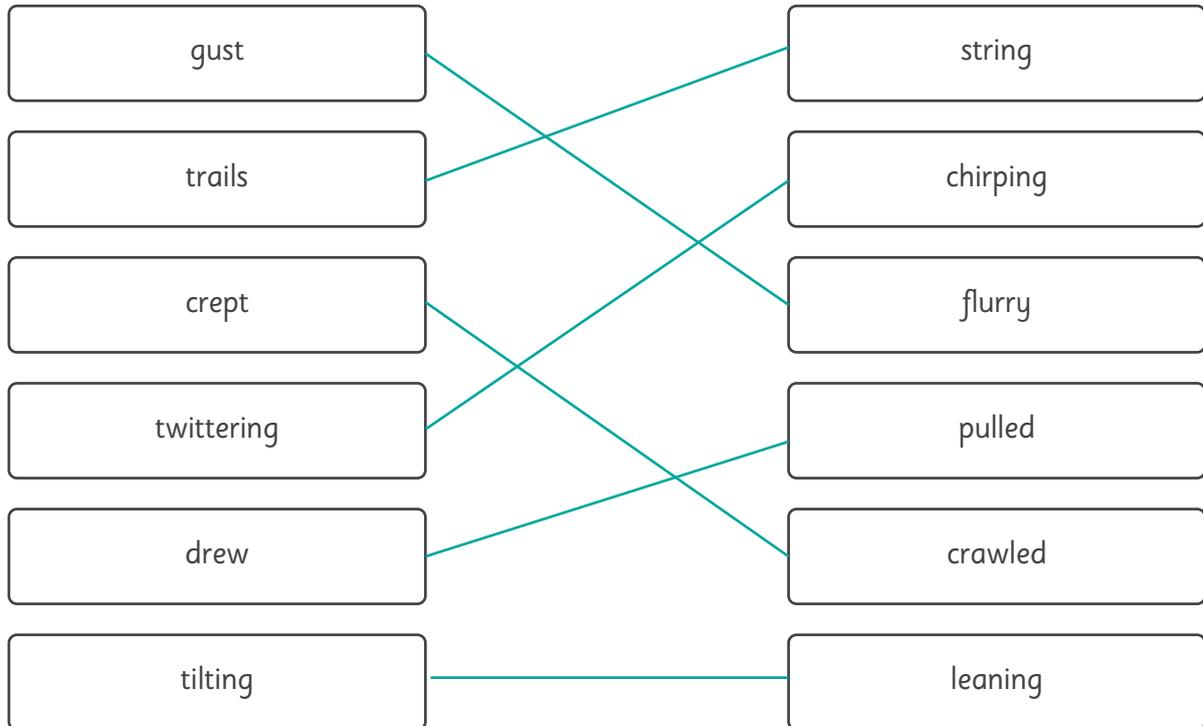
4. Was the lock easy to open? How do you know? (1 mark)

5. Find two pieces of evidence from the text which show the door is old. (2 marks)

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"a loose and swinging curtain" This is effective because the reader can picture the ivy hanging down like a curtain and it can be pulled apart easily like a curtain can be.

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3. Where did Mary keep the key? (1 mark)

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No, it was hard to open. I know this because it says: "It took two hands to do it but it did turn."

5. Find two pieces of evidence from the text which show the door is old. (2 marks)

Any two of the following:

- Leaves and ivy were hanging over the door
- It was difficult to turn the knob
- The door had been closed for ten years

6. "What was this under her hands which was square and made of iron and which her fingers found a hole in?" What feature has the author used and why do you think it has been used? (2 marks)

A rhetorical question has been used to make the reader consider what it is under Mary's hands before reading on to find out.