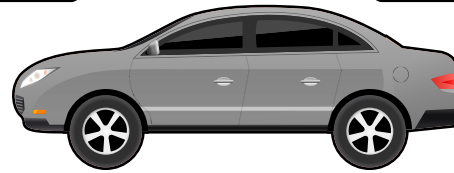


## Pre-reading work



Match the words to their closest synonym.

plastered

gravel

flung

whimpering

tinted

lumbered

toss

whine

covered

lurched

grit

coloured

## Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

I hurtled downstairs. Was Dad home? I ran into our big sitting room, past the old piano, the chunky oak table, the Welsh dresser with its chipped china plates. Past our stuff still packed in cardboard boxes from the move. Past the walls plastered with Auntie Hilda's war posters and their slogans:

DIG FOR VICTORY; LOOK OUT IN THE BLACKOUT; TELL NOBODY, NOT EVEN HER;  
KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON.

Past the black metal helmet with a white paint "W", hooked over the fireplace. Past the big dusty glass dome with its stuffed carrier pigeon on a perch inside, its two glass bead eyes staring. I ran into the hallway and flung open the front door.

The dark driveway was empty. The sharp pieces of gravel shone white in the moonlight. But I'd heard an engine! Seen the lights. I was sure there'd been a car!

I shut the door fast and went and stood in the front room shivering. I couldn't help thinking about the car with tinted windows that had raced away with Dad.

The wind moaned down the chimney, making the last of the wood in the fireplace flare into rusty orange crusts, and the smell of smoke wafted on to me. Bones lumbered past and lay down in his basket whimpering. There was still no noise from Hannah's room. Maybe she'd fallen asleep with her headphones on and hadn't heard my elephant thuds down the stairs.

## Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 20 words.

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1. Find two verbs in paragraph 1 that show the character is in a hurry. (2 marks)

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2. Find three pieces of evidence that show Aunty Hilda may have lived during the war. (2 marks)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

3. How does the main character feel? Tick all the boxes that apply. (1 mark)

Frustrated

Furious

Excited

Anxious

Happy

4. Who is Bones and how do you know? (2 marks)

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5. Find two pieces of evidence from the text that suggest it is a cold day. (2 marks)

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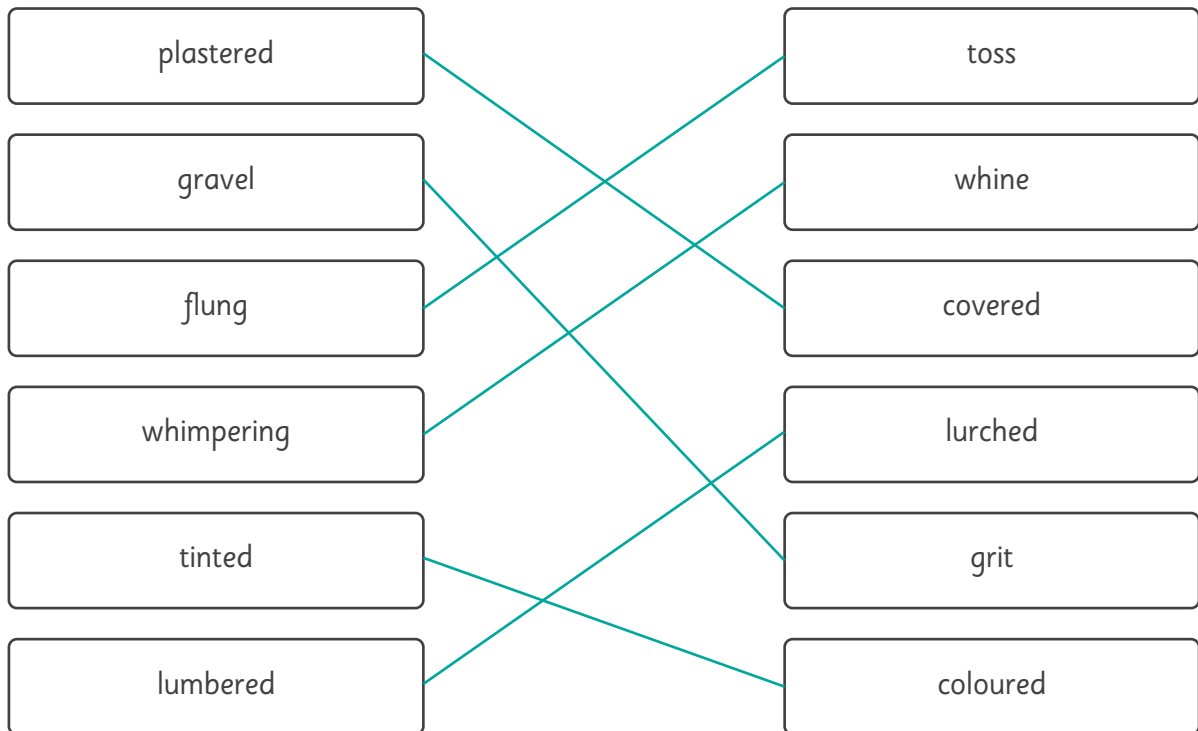
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6. What do “elephant thuds” refer to? (1 mark)

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## Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 20 words.

The child ran through the house to see Dad. He wasn't there.

1. Find two verbs in paragraph 1 that show the character is in a hurry. (2 marks)

hurttled, ran

2. Find three pieces of evidence that show Auntie Hilda may have lived during the war. (2 marks)

- 1) walls plastered with Auntie Hilda's war posters
- 2) black metal helmet with a white paint "W"
- 3) stuffed carrier pigeon

3. How does the main character feel? Tick all the boxes that apply. (1 mark)

- Frustrated
- Furious
- Excited
- Anxious
- Happy

4. Who is Bones and how do you know? (2 marks)

Bones is a dog. I know this because it says he lay down in his basket whimpering.

5. Find two pieces of evidence from the text that suggest it is a cold day. (2 marks)

- 1) stood in the front room shivering
- 2) The wind moaned down the chimney

6. What do "elephant thuds" refer to? (1 mark)

Loud steps