

The Diary of Sally Potts

A London Servant Girl

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Questions



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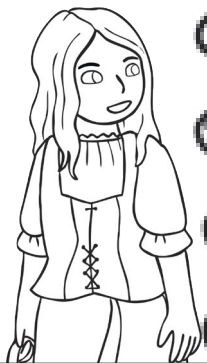
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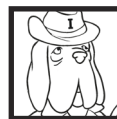


Answers



1. What can Sally see from the upstairs windows?

Sally can see houses being pulled down to stop the fire from spreading.



2. What do you think the servants are planning to do with the leather buckets?

**Pupils' own responses, such as:
I think the servants are going to use the buckets to collect water to help put out the fire.**



3. Find and copy an exclamation sentence.

What an awful tragedy this is!



4. What do you think will happen to Sally on Tuesday?

**Pupils' own responses, such as:
I think Sally will travel away from the fire on Tuesday.**