

Improving Your Reading with Inference Iggy: Genevieve's Discovery



Genevieve lived in a large house, surrounded by beautiful gardens. She had no brothers or sisters but she had a large playroom, filled with the nicest toys. Everyone thought that Genevieve must be perfectly happy but the little girl had often thought how willingly she would give up the room and all its playthings for a little brother of her own; someone she could take out in the garden for a walk and watch carefully, just as her mother watched her.

One day, Genevieve was walking in the garden, thinking of the little brother she so much wanted. Suddenly, she heard a curious sound. Quiet at first but growing louder, she could hear the sound of crying just beyond the garden fence.

Genevieve ran towards the fence and toiled in vain to climb over the thick boards which towered above her. Desperate and curious, she made her way to the garden gate, snuck through it and retraced her steps on the other side of the fence to find the source of the crying.

"Dear me!" she exclaimed at last. "Where have you come from?"



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Answers

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Accept any two reasonable answers from the text, such as: the text says that she is a 'little girl'; she has a playroom full of toys; she does not have any older brothers or sisters but nor does she have any younger ones; the garden fence towered over her, implying that she is small.

3. Explain why Genevieve's mother may have been cross.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Genevieve's mother may have been cross because Genevieve left the garden on her own without telling her mother or anyone else where she was going.

4. What impression is the reader given about the character of Genevieve in this extract? Discuss two aspects of her character, using evidence to support your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Readers may think that Genevieve is very privileged because she lives in a large house and has her own playroom. They may also think that she is a bit of a rebel because she goes out of the house without telling her mother.