

The Mystery of the Poet Thief

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Avoiding the crowd outside, Detective Smith hastily ducked under the 'POLICE: DO NOT ENTER' tape, confidently dodged the broken glass on the pavement and ducked as he entered Ruby's Jewellery Shop. Tiny shards of glass glinted in the bright light coming in through the window. Detective Smith had unfortunately seen this kind of scene many times before. He paused to pull out a handkerchief from his pocket to wipe his brow. Still, it felt different this time. Ruby was a dear friend of his and he'd known her for years.

Surprisingly, only one glass cabinet in the entire shop was broken. Peering closer, he saw the empty jewellery stand. Underneath it, something else caught his eye. It was a piece of paper poking out. On it was a note addressed to him! It said, 'Rubies are red, violets are blue, can you guess where I'm next going to?' With furrowed brow, Detective Smith scratched his grey beard and gazed out of the window, thoughtfully.

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The Mystery of the Poet Thief Comprehension Questions

Answer these questions, summarising the **main idea** of each section.

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1. Describe the main character of the story.
2. What has happened so far in the story?
3. What is the story setting?
4. Can you predict what might happen next?
5. What is the **genre** of this story? Explain how you know.

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