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1. Which animal is the poem about?

The poem is about a dog.

2. What are the fireworks compared to?

The animal compares the fireworks to big and little guns shooting in the dark.

3. Describe how the animal looks when he is outside of the house.

His tail is down, his ears are flat and he is trembling.

4. How did the animal enter the house? Why did he enter like this?

He rushed through the door because he was desperate to escape the loud bangs of the fireworks.

5. Which line of the poem best describes the animal's surroundings inside the house?

Line 22 best describes the animal's surroundings inside the house. The lights are on, it is warm and grand.

6. Why do you think Enid Blyton might have written this poem?

Own answers which may include the following ideas:

I think that Blyton might have written this poem to inform pet owners about how their animals may be feeling on Bonfire Night, if they are left outside. Blyton may have wanted to make pet owners think more carefully about where to keep their pets on this night, in order to keep them safe.

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1. Which animal is scared of the fireworks in the poem? Give evidence for your answer.

2. What are the fireworks compared to? Give evidence for your answer.

3. What does this line suggest about the way the animal is feeling?

‘Let me in-oh, LET ME IN’ Explain your reasoning.

4. Why does the animal think it's been left outside?

5. Who do you think is saying this line?

‘(Shall we let him in, children?)’

6. What does the animal say he will do as a way of thanking his owner?

7. Why do you think Enid Blyton might have written this poem?

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1. Which animal is scared of the fireworks in the poem? Give evidence for your answer.

The animal which is scared of the fireworks is a dog.

Evidence may include some or all of the following ideas: I know this because dogs yelp when they are frightened and line 8 says, 'Mistress, Master hear me yelp.' On line 13, the animal is described as having flat ears with its tail down, also suggesting that the pet could be a dog. Finally, dogs live in kennels and line 27 says, 'then to my kennel I will run.'

2. What are the fireworks compared to? Give evidence for your answer.

The fireworks are compared to guns shooting in the dark (line 4). On line 5, the loud fireworks are compared to big gun shots and the quieter fireworks to little gun shots.

3. What does this line suggest about the way the animal is feeling?

'Let me in-oh, LET ME IN'

This line suggests that the animal is very unhappy and scared due to the noise of the fireworks. The pet is repeating the request to emphasise how much he wants to get inside the house, away from the loud bangs. The capital letters suggest that the animal is 'shouting' the request in desperation.

4. Why does the animal think it's been left outside?

The animal thinks it's been left outside because its owners don't love it anymore.

5. Who do you think is saying this line?

'(Shall we let him in, children?)'

I think that the owner of the animal, who is inside the house, is saying this to the children whilst looking outside at their pet.

6. What does the animal say he will do as a way of thanking his owner?

At the end of the poem, the dog says that he will guard his owner all night.

7. Why do you think Enid Blyton might have written this poem?

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1. Who is the character within the poem? Give detailed evidence for your answer.

2. a) What do we call words such as 'BANG!'?

- b) Why are words like this used in poetry?

- c) Give two other examples of this type of word which could also be used within this poem.

3. What does this line suggest about the way the character is feeling?

'Let me in-oh, LET ME IN' Explain your reasoning.

4. Who do you think is saying this line?

'(Shall we let him in, children?)'

5. At the end of the poem, why does the character say he will guard his owner?

6. Compare the length of the first three lines with the last three lines of the poem. What does this tell us about the way the character was feeling at the beginning and end of the poem? Explain your thoughts.

7. Why do you think Enid Blyton might have written this poem? Explain your reasoning.

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1. Who is the character within the poem? Give detailed evidence for your answer.

The character within the poem is a dog. The dog is scared of the fireworks on Bonfire Night. I know this because dogs yelp when they are frightened and line 8 says, 'Mistress, Master, hear me yelp.' Also, a mistress or master is the owner of a pet. On line 13, the animal is described as having flat ears with its tail down, also suggesting that the pet could be a dog. Finally, dogs live in kennels and line 27 says, 'Then to my kennel I will run'.

2. a. What do we call words such as 'BANG!'?

Words like BANG are examples of onomatopoeia (a word which mimics the sound of the action it relates to).

- b. Why are words like this used in poetry?

Poets use onomatopoeia to create sound.

- c. Give two other examples of this type of word which could also be used within this poem.

Own answers. Examples which sound like fireworks may include boom, crackle, whoosh, pop.

3. What does this line suggest about the way the character is feeling?

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4. Who do you think is saying this line?

'(Shall we let him in, children?)'

I think that the owner of the animal, who is inside the house, is saying this to the children whilst looking outside at their pet.

5. At the end of the poem, why does the character say he will guard his owner?

The dog says he will guard his owner because he is thankful for being allowed into the house to avoid the noisy fireworks. The pet says that his owner understood his fright.

6. Compare the length of the first three lines with the last three lines of the poem. What does this tell us about the way the character might have been feeling at the beginning and end of the poem? Explain your thoughts.

The first three lines of the poem are very short and contain question and exclamation marks, suggesting that the dog was thinking quickly, panicked and scared about his surroundings. The last three lines are much longer, suggesting that the dog was more relaxed and happier about being safely inside the house.

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