

## Understanding the text

- 1 What does Great-Aunt Dymphna look like?
- 2 Who was 'so scared' of Great-Aunt Dymphna that she cried?
- 3 What did the children have with them?
- 4 How did the children travel with Great-Aunt Dymphna?
- 5 What did they have to walk across to get to Great-Aunt Dymphna's house?

## Looking at language

- 6 Explain these phrases in your own words.

**a** never abide      **b** mad as a coot      **c** town types

- 7 Explain the meaning of these words as they are used in the story. Use a dictionary to help you.

**a** vanished      **b** clutter      **c** cable  
**d** brogue      **e** respect      **f** insufferable

## Exploring the characters

- 8 Who are the characters in the story?
- 9 Where does this part of the story take place?
- 10 How do the children react to their great-aunt?
- 11 How do other people react to Great-Aunt Dymphna?
- 12 How do you think the author wants you to react to her?

