

Understanding the text

- 1 Who is Miss Slighcarp?
- 2 What was Miss Slighcarp wearing?
- 3 Where does Miss Slighcarp threaten to put Bonnie?
- 4 What happened to the dress?
- 5 Why can't Sylvia set Bonnie free?

Looking at language

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

a abruptness	b astonished	c utterance
d observed	e retorted	f reckless
g disposition	h insolent	i aghast

Exploring the characters

- 7 Who are the characters?
- 8 Where is this part of the story set?
- 9 What impression do you get of Miss Slighcarp?
- 10 In what ways are Bonnie and Sylvia very different characters?
- 11 If you had been in this situation, would you have acted like Bonnie or Sylvia? Give your reasons.

Taking it further

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- 12 Form a group and choose one member to be Miss Slighcarp. The rest of the group question 'Miss Slighcarp' about the incident with the dress. Miss Slighcarp wants to appear reasonable and get you on her side. What questions will you ask? What responses will she give?