

'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams

He lifted the biscuit tin. It was a big Silver Jubilee assortment tin from 1977 that featured a scratched and faded portrait of a much younger Queen Elizabeth II on the lid. It felt really heavy. Much heavier than usual.

Strange.

Ben shook the tin a little. It didn't feel or sound like it had biscuits inside. It was like it had stones or marbles in it.

Even stranger.

Ben unscrewed the lid.

He stared.

And then he stared some more.

He couldn't believe what was inside.

Diamonds! Rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, all with great big sparkling diamonds!

Ben was no expert, but he thought there must be thousands of pounds worth of jewellery in the biscuit tin, maybe even millions.

Suddenly he heard Granny quacking her way into the room. Fumbling desperately, he put the lid back on and placed the tin on the shelf. He leaped down, yanked his chain over and sat at the table.

Glancing at the window, he realised that his flicked egg hadn't flown out into the garden, but was smeared across the glass. Granny would need a blowtorch to get that off if it dried. So he rushed over to the window and sucked the cold wet egg off the glass, then returned to his seat. It was too unpleasant to swallow so, in a panic, Ben kept it in his mouth.

Granny shuffled back into the kitchen wearing her third cardigan.

Still quacking.

"Better get your coat on young man. Your mummy and daddy will be here in just a tick," she said with a smile.

Ben reluctantly swallowed the cold wet egg. It slipped down his throat. Yuck, yuck and double yuck. "Yes," he said, fearing he would vomit and deposit the egg back on the window.

Scrambled.

Answer the questions below on the extract given of 'Gangsta Granny'. Make sure you read the extract in depth before answering the questions.

Literal Questions

1. What does Ben find in the biscuit tin?

2. What does Jubilee mean?

Inference Skills

3. Why do you think Ben puts the tin back on the shelf when he hears his Granny returning?

4. Why is there an egg on the kitchen window?

5. What can we assume about Granny's cooking?

6. Why does Granny wear three cardigans?
