

VIPERS Questions for
The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy

Front Cover:

What type of book do you think this is?

Who is / are the authors? The illustrators?

Predict: What do you think this book might be about? Why?

Blurb:

V: What do you think the word **imbued** means? Look it up in a dictionary to check.

V: What word could you use instead of **imbued** in this sentence?

Page 1-2:

R: What time of day was it?

V: Write / say a word that describes how the Tear Thief moved into town.

I: Do you think the Tear Thief would see themselves in a mirror? Why?

I: Why do you think the Tear Thief's sack is waterproof?

I: Why do you think the Tear Thief wears shoes that make no sound when she walks?

Pages 3-4:

V: What do you think **curtained windows** means?

I: Why do you think onions are the Tear Thief's favourite?

V: What do you think **sharp ears** means

P: What do you think will happen next?

Pages 5-6:

V: Write your favourite simile that the author has used. Why is it your favourite?

I: Why do you think the Tear Thief is described as smoke and steam?

I: Why do you think the boy is crying?

I: How do you think the mum is feeling? Why?

Pages 13-14:

R: Why was the baby crying?

V: Why does the author describe the boy as **sly**?

P: What might be the lie that the boy told about the hole in his trousers?

V: Draw a picture of what **oddly long tears** might look like:

Pages 17-18:

I: Do you think the Tear Thief's sack will ever fill up? Why?

I: What do you think the difference is between tears cried of **real sadness** and tears cried **over spilt milk**?

I: Why do you think the girl squealed and turned around?

I: What do you think she will see behind her? Why?

I: What do you think the Tear Thief does with the tears that she collects?

After reading the book:

I: Do you think the Tear Thief is young or old? Why?

R: Even though the Tear Thief is invisible, how do we know what she looks like?

I: Do you think the Tear Thief will be back to steal more tears? Why?

What do you like best about the book?

Does this book remind you of any other books you have read? Films you have watched? Music you have listened to? Art you have looked at? Why?