



Sally, author of Elizabeth the Queen: The Woman Behind The Throne, said Her Majesty, 93, keeps her reading glasses, mint lozenges and a fountain pen in her famous Launer-branded bags.

And she may be one of the richest women in Britain, but the Queen only carries cash on Sundays.

She is said to carry a "precisely folded" £5 or £10 to be placed in the church donation, and it is [rumoured one of her butler's even irons the note into a little square.](#)

Sally also claims that the Queen is never without her Clarins lipstick and a small mirror, so she can apply on the go if she needs.

I'd quite like her to have some other things in there.



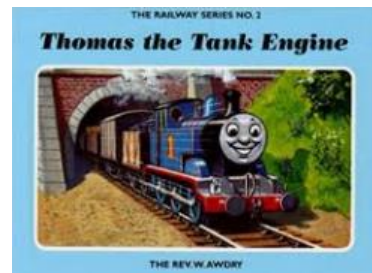
Dog biscuits - chewed or otherwise..



An old tennis ball for the corgis.



A packet of crisps in case she gets peckish.



A book to read to the grandkids.



Headphones, in case people's speeches get boring.



Knitting, in case she gets bored.





# THE QUEEN'S HANDBAG



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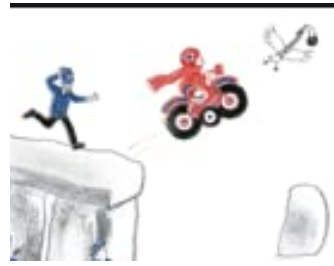
1. Where was the Queen going? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Later in the story she goes to many places, can you name three of them?  
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3. How do you think the Queen feels about her trip? We don't know, because the book doesn't tell us, but what other clues do we have?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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swoosh!



A sneaky swan swooped off with her handbag!

4. Which word is used to describe the swan? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which word tells us that the swan was flying when it grabbed the bag? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What do you notice about the phrase ..'swoosh! A sneaky swan swooped off with her handbag?'  
(Look carefully at the start of the words.)
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7. How do you think the Queen feels about the theft of her handbag? Why do you think this? **Imagine**  
**how your mum or gran would feel if their bag was grabbed by a swan.**
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8. Above, are some of the ways the Queen travels in the story. There are 4 others, can you name them? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Which method of travel do you think the Queen enjoyed the most? Why do you think this?  
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10. At the end of the story the Queen crosses the finish of the London Marathon. What does this mean she has done? \_\_\_\_\_

