



THE QUEEN'S HANDBAG



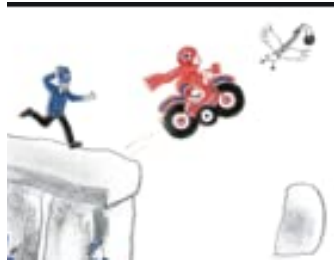
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1. Where was the Queen going? *She was going on a tour of Great Britain.*
2. Later in the story she goes to many places, can you name three of them?
Edinburgh Castle, Oxford, Angel of the North, Windsor castle, Stonehenge, White Cliffs of Dover, The Giants' Causeway, Snowdonia.
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?
It looks from the picture as though the Queen is looking forward to her trip - she is smiling and waving to the crowd. She has some good company on board the carriage.



4. Which word is used to describe the swan? *sneaky*
5. Which word tells us that the swan was flying when it grabbed the bag? *swooped*
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.)
Many words start with the 's' sound. (This is called alliteration.)
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.
Own answer - something about being shocked and being taken by surprise - she is determined to go after it because it contains precious things.



8. Above, are some of the ways the Queen travels in the story. There are 4 others, can you name them? *Car, parachute, speedboat and train (as well as on foot running!).*

9. Which method of travel do you think the Queen enjoyed the most? Why do you think this?
Own answer

10. At the end of the story the Queen crosses the finish of the London Marathon. What does this mean she has done? *She has won the London Marathon without realising it!*

