

Reading non-Fiction – Activity sheet

Step one

Read the extract from Silver Town – An East End Family Memoir
Tick the statements from the following list which you think are true.
(This activity is based on an actual G.C.S.E question from the new specification)

1. Jane doesn't know where she is going.
2. The man pulls out all of Jane's teeth without any anaesthetic.
3. The butcher is very sympathetic to Jane.
4. Jane's mother takes her to a shop which is very clean and well-presented.
5. It is a very painful and upsetting experience for Jane.
6. Jane is grateful to her mother for giving her this experience.
7. Jane's teeth are pulled out on her seventeenth birthday.
8. Jane's mother is very chatty.

Step two

Find the answer sheet on the table and see how well you understand the text.

Encourage your son or daughter to read short non-fiction extracts and summarise the key points. The wider they read, the more sophisticated their vocabulary.