

The Carpet-Beaters

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| Vocabulary | <p>What is a 'dais'?</p> <p>Find and copy a word from page 67 which means the same as 'lifted'.</p> <p>What is a 'shawl'?</p> |
| Infer | <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows Jim was not sure how to escape.</p> <p>Find evidence that the woman was not impressed by Jim and Tip's carpet-beating.</p> <p>What do you think Jim's 'Wild Thing' was?</p> |
| Predict | <p>Predict why they beat the carpets.</p> |
| Explain | <p>'He was free'.</p> <p>Explain the impact of this short sentence on the reader.</p> |
| Retrieve | <p>When did Jim have to make a break for it?</p> <p>What disease might be in the wards of the infirmary?</p> <p>What were they doing in the sewing rooms before they came to the infirmary?</p> <p>What did Jim run alongside?</p> <p>Where did Jim fall?</p> |
| Summarise | <p>Sequence these sentences in the order they appear in the text (1-4)</p> <p>He was free. _____</p> <p>Far away in the back of his mind Jim heard the scuff of boots on the snow and knew that Tip had run back into the house. _____</p> <p>He tiptoed along the other side of the railings and stood with his breath in his mouth till a cart rumbled past. _____</p> <p>At the end of the corridor, the matron sat by the doorway, knitting a black shawl. _____</p> |