

Look at title and lay-out but don't read the text.

What type of text do you think this? (murder mystery story). How can you tell? (title, picture).

What do you think will happen in this story? What kind of characters might we meet in the story?

*****YOU CAN HAVE A COUPE OF MINUTES TO READ THROUGH THE STORY*****

We will now ask you some questions using all the skills in reading VIPERS.

Vocabulary:

Can you replace the word thieved in this sentence for another word which means the same?
The fox thieved its way across the snow covered grounds.

Infer:

What time of day is it? How do you know?

Why is the fox described as silver? (reflection from the moonlight).

Predict:

Why do you think the door was locked? Who locked it? What do you think happened and why?

Explain:

What simile does the author use to describe the crows? Why? What effect does this have?

The author describes a deathly silence and a murderous storm. Explain why they chose these words.

Retrieve:

What is the name of the Head butler?

What was her ladyship wearing?

Summarise:

Summarise what has happened at the manor.