

The Diary of Sally Potts

A London Servant Girl

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107 be put out before it reaches us but I am
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Quick Questions



1. What can Sally see from the upstairs windows?



2. What do you think the servants are planning to do with the leather buckets?



3. Can you find an exclamation sentence in the text?



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Answers



1. What can Sally see from the upstairs windows?
houses being pulled down to stop the fire spreading



2. What do you think the servants are planning to do with the leather buckets?
Accept any inferential answer based on the text e.g. They are going to use the buckets to collect water to help put out the fire.



3. Can you find an exclamation sentence in the text?
What an awful tragedy this is!



4. What do you think will happen to Sally on Tuesday?
Accept any sensible prediction, e.g. I think she will travel away from the fire.