

Macavity: The Mystery Cat

Question / answers

3) ans) Macavity is a ginger coloured cat. He is very tall and thin. He can be recognized from his eyes which are deeply sunken in. He has lines on his forehead, steeped with thoughts. He has a highly domed head his coat is untidy and his whiskers are uncombed. Macavity moves like a snake and even when he is mistaken to be asleep, he is wide awake.

4) ans) Macavity has looted food from the landlady, rifled the jewel case, consumed all the milk, He has stifled Peking guese dogs, he has broken the greenhouse glass, and destroyed the bellie. Whenever the foreign office has found that a treaty that has gone astray or the admiralty has lost some plans and drawings, they believed that Macavity is a culprit.

5) ans) Mongoose and Oxiddlebone are wicked cats but their deceitfulness is nothing in comparison to Macavity. The poet compares Macavity to Napoleon

who is helped by his agents Mongojerovis and Briddleton in controlling operations

1) ans) It is useless to investigate Macavity as he never leaves any evidence at the scene of the crime. It always appears as if he was never present at the scene. Also, he always has some alibi to prove his innocence.

2) ans) The phrase has been repeated throughout the poem. It signifies that Macavity manages to commit crime everywhere but never leave any evidence behind.

3) ans) The speaker has used exaggeration in many places. For example, Macavity can defy the law of gravity as he can move so fast that even the Scotland Yard is not able to catch him. The speaker also mentions that Macavity knows the answer to a question even before one has asked it.

1) I think Macavity intentionally commits the crime. Activities that are regular to him might be considered criminal offence by others as they comprise minor destruction of property or disturbance to people.

2) I don't think the poet is talking about the cat in the poem as the act presented in the poem is too peculiar to be termed as criminal offence by a person. The poet makes them offence of an imaginary cat.