

Get going

A- Let us find the answer from ~~the~~ ^{the} poem

1) Which of these names has the speaker not gives to Macavity?

Ans c) Griddlebone

2 Which of these organisations has not be affected by Macavity?

Ans d) The United Nations.

3. Write a brief description of Macavity based on your understanding of the third stanza.

Ans - Macavity is a ginger ^{coloured} cat. He is very tall and thin. He can be recognised from his eyes which are deeply sunken in. He has lines on his forehead, steeped with thoughts. He has highly domed ears. 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 Make a list of crimes that Macavity has committed.

Ans Macavity has looted food from the larder, riddled the jewel case, consumed all the milk etc. He has killed Pekingese dogs. He has broken the green house glass and destroyed the trellis. Whenever the Foreign office has found a treaty that has gone astray, or the Admiralty has lost some plans or drawings they believed that Macavity is the culprit?

5) Who are Mungojerrie and Griddlebone?
How are they related to ^{Molony} ~~Mungojerrie~~

Ans Mungojerrie and Griddlebone were agents of Macavity.

B Let us read between the lines

1) Why is it useless to investigate Macavity?

Ans It is useless to investigate Macavity as he never any evidence at the scene of crime. It always appears as if ~~we~~ he was never present at the scene. Also, he always has some alibi to prove innocence.

2) What phrase is repeated in almost every stanza? What is the significance of this repetition?

Ans The sentence 'Macavity's not there' is repeated throughout the poem. It signifies Macavity's cleverness as he manages to commit crimes everywhere but never leaves behind any evidence.

3) The speaker has exaggerated in some places for effect. Point out a few such instances.

Ans The speaker has used exaggeration in many places. For Example

Macavity can defy the law of gravity and more so fast that even the Scotland Yard is not even able to catch him.

C Let us go beyond the poem.

1) Why do you think Macavity steals and commits crime?

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

2) Do you think the speaker is really talking about a cat in the poem.

Ans I don't think Macavity intentionally the poet is talking about a cat in the poem. He must have presented a demon in the form of a cat.

Vocabulary junction



1) Underline the instances of alliteration in these sentences

a) We are so happy to have him back
b) Lightly leaps the leaping lions

c) Mom nabbed her niece by the neck
her neck

d) She should show some respect.

e) She took time to touch the tube

2) Unscramble the jumbled letters in brackets to form words, and complete the alliteration in each sentence.

a) The waffles worsened while the waiter waited.

b) Slowly, silently, now the moon walks
night in her silver shoes.

c) The witch with of the west
went her own way.

d) The red roses were wrapped in red
silk.

e) Rudolf the reindeer had a red nose.