

➤ **Who are the characters in this story?**

- Can you tell if there is more than one character?
- Is it possible that the true characters of the story are all of the women and daughters of a community?
- Discuss reasons why the characters should or should not be seen as a community of women rather than just a single pair.

➤ **Who is the narrator?**

- The story is given as a monologue, but who is speaking?
- Is it possible that it is the daughter who is giving the monologue as if she is 'reliving' what her mother has said?
- Why or why not?

➤ **Discuss the mother in this story?**

- Is she a good mother? Support your ideas with evidence from the story.

➤ **Discuss the daughter in this story?**

- What type of young girl is she?
- How does her mother feel about her?
- Support your ideas with evidence from the story.