

Queen Victoria's Coronation Diary

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Quick Questions



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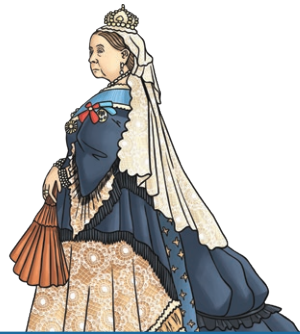
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Answers



1. What two things does Victoria do when she gets up?

Victoria has some breakfast and then dresses in her House of Lords costume.



2. Which words or phrases tell us that this diary is written in the past?

Accept any answer that quotes old-fashioned language, such as: The phrases 'began our progress', 'fine day', 'good-humour' and 'I really cannot say' tell us that this diary is written in the past.



3. Look for an example of a simile in the text. How does this add meaning?

An example of a simile in the text is 'flocked like birds'. This adds meaning by making you think of the crowd like a noisy, busy group that moves as one.



4. Where do you think Victoria is going?

Accept any inferential answer, such as: I think Victoria is going to a location in the city to be crowned.