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Find and copy one word which means the same as 'difficult'.

atrocious

2

How do you think the author of this letter felt as they were writing it?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author of the letter would have felt quite sad that she is away from her children but equally grateful that she knows they are safe.

3

***My Dearest Darlings,
(Evelyn, dear, do read this out loud to the little ones.)***

What does this opening and salutation tell you about the writer of this letter and their family?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The opening and salutation tells me that the letter is written very affectionately, 'My Dearest Darlings' is a warm and loving salutation. The line in brackets tells me that Evelyn is the oldest child and that the others must be quite young as the mother is suggesting that they would not be able to read the letter by themselves.

4

When was this letter written?

Accept either:

This letter was written during the Second World War; This letter was written on 20th May 1940.

5

What impression does this letter give of the experiences of women and children in Britain during the Second World War?

Pupils' own responses, such as: This letter gives me the impression that life for women and children in Britain during the Second World War was very difficult. They were often separated from their families for extended times. Children were sent out into the countryside to keep them safe from the danger in the large cities and women often moved from their homes too in order to help with the war effort in factories across the country.

