

Please Mrs Butler Text Questions

1. In stanza 2, where does the teacher tell the pupil to put his books?
2. In stanza 6, where does the teacher suggest the child runs away to?
3. Can you identify 3 complaints the child makes to the teacher?
4. What sentences are repeated and what is the effect of this?
5. Identify 3 rhyming words within the poem. What do you notice about them? (think about where they are...)
6. How do we know the teacher feels very fed up at the end of the poem?
7. What makes the poem successful?
8. What impression is this poem creating of Mrs Butler?

Extension!

Write another verse to the poem, from the teacher or pupil's point of view. **Use** the same style as Ahlberg.

Highlight the poetic techniques that you have used and **explain** the effect these have on the overall poem.

