Task 2: The Landlady by Roald Dahl

Once you have read this fabulous crime fiction story, answer these ten questions about the opening paragraphs.

You will need to look at the text again to search for the answers.

1. What are the names of the main characters in the story?
2. Where is the story set (the setting)?
3. What time of year is Roald Dahl implying?
4. How do you know? Write down a quote to support your understanding.

1. Why is he travelling away from home – for what purpose?
2. What is the name of the establishment that is recommended by the porter?
3. How old is the young man?
4. What is he wearing?
5. What do the clothes he is wearing say about his type of job? What do you think he does?
6. How does the young man walk down the street? Write down a quote to describe how he is walking.

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Positive Phrases: Using lines 1-7

1. Find a positive phrase about the setting (place) at the start of the story.

* Write down the positive phrase.

2. What does the phrase ‘imply’ (suggest) to readers about the place Billy has moved to?

* Using your own words, describe the place. Does the writer imply that the place is safe?