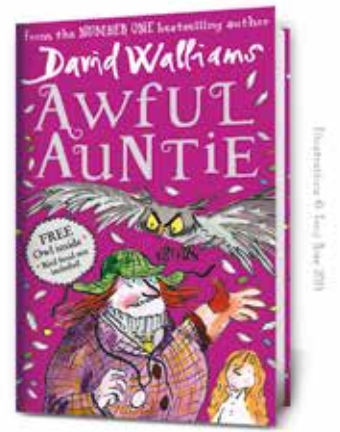


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Cockney Rhyming Slang

I know authors use particular language which will have impact on me, the reader

'The ghost was mightily annoyed. "Ya promised ya weren't gonna scream!"

"Well, I didn't know you were going to say that you were a ghost!" protested the girl.

"Well, wot do ya want me to do? Tell a porky pie?"

"A what?"

"A lie! Cockney rhymin' slang, innit?"

Stella finally understood. "Oh yes." (page 137)

Cockney rhyming slang (named after the people who first used it, the 'Cockneys' of London's East End) is a type of slang that replaces common words with rhymes or phrases. Often the word in the expression that rhymes with the original word is dropped. For example: 'lies' becomes 'porky pies' becomes 'porkies'.

Draw lines to match the body parts below to their rhyming expressions and then to their abbreviated phrase or 'rhyming slang':

Body part	Expression	Abbreviated phrase
feet	Scotch eggs	Barnet
eyes	loaf of bread	plates
teeth	mince pies	Chalk Farms
legs	Barnet Fair	loaf
arms	North and South	Hampsteads
hair	plates of meat	Scotches
head	boat race	North and South
face	Hampstead Heath	boat race
mouth	Chalk Farms	minces