

Looking for Clues in Fiction

'You want it to get dark?' said Plop in amazement.

'Oh YES,' said the little boy. 'DARK IS EXCITING. And tonight is specially exciting because we're going to have fireworks.'

'What are fireworks?' asked Plop. 'I don't think owls have them – not barn owls anyway.'

'Don't you?' said the little boy. 'Oh you poor thing. Well, there are rockets, and flying saucers, and volcanoes, and golden rain, and sparklers, and...'

'But what *are* they?' begged Plop. 'Do you eat them?'

'NO!' laughed the little boy. 'Daddy sets fire to their tails and they whoosh into the air and fill the sky with coloured stars – well the rockets, that is. I'm allowed to hold the sparklers.'



- 7** Find and copy one word that shows how surprised Plop is that the little boy wants it to get dark.



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- 8** Why does the little boy say, 'Oh you poor thing' when Plop tells him that owls do not have fireworks?



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- 9** The little boy thinks it is funny that Plop does not know what a firework is. How do you know that the boy thinks it is funny?



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