

Answers 1a. writing books; writing novels 1b. 'autobiography' 2a. mosaic-tiled walls 2b. the dressing room of a lady in the East 3. the butter was hard and the bread wasn't sliced, so it was the easiest way to do it; if you cut the bread first and then buttered it, you would need to cut thicker slices, or the bread would disintegrate when you spread it with hard butter 4. there were separate queues when you bought things in different parts of the shop; food was rationed as normal international trade had not fully resumed following the war 5. bananas and oranges 6. they argue over the price of goods to try and get a bargain 7. they have cash tills and electronic registers to do the arithmetic automatically 8. within a child's reach 9. she was an imaginary friend whom Jacky could blame for naughtiness.