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### MARK SCHEME – Copper Band 12 – Mind the Gap

Page 3: Study the layout of the poem on this page. Write down 2 ways the author has structured this poem. (STRUC)

Accept:

Each stanza is only 2 lines long.

Some stanzas have pairs of rhyming words at the end of their lines.

Some stanzas have pairs of rhyming words within a single line.

Reference to most lines being fewer than 10 syllables long.

Page 5: What event has just happened to the boy in the poem? (INF)

The boy has been to hospital to have his tonsils removed.

Page 5: What does the boy no longer miss? (INF)

His tonsils.

Page 7: What do you suppose happened to the aunties? Which part of the poem gives you this idea? (INF)

Accept answers that make reference to the aunties having been eaten by the aunt-eater due to the gleam in his eye.

Pages 10 & 11: Why does the sign say DON'T FEED BREAD TO THE DUCKS? (KNOWL)

Accept answers that use information from the poem and explains that soggy bread gives ducks tummy pain.

Pages 10 & 11: How has rhyme been used in this poem? (STRUC)

The author has rhymed the last word in each stanza.

Page 15: Using only the poem, what do you suppose '*unsurpassed*' means?  
(WORDS)

Accept any answers that correctly identify the meaning as being better or the best at snuffling for truffles.

Page 19: What effect is the author trying to achieve by splitting up the words in this poem? (LANG)

Accept answers that relate to the idea of the broken words, when read, make it feel like you are watching a kangaroo jump and down.

Page 24: What evidence is there that this poem is about a garbage truck? Explain your answer clearly using quotes from the poem to help you. (INF)

Accept an answer that relates a part of the poem to a part or action of the bin lorry:

- The poem says that 'It gobbles up our waste' which is like when the bin men tip the rubbish into the back of the bin lorry.
- The poem says 'Armed with metal teeth' and at the back of a bin lorry it has large moving metal parts.

Do not accept:

- Answers that do not make reference to the text.
- References from the poem that could not be linked to a part or action of the bin lorry.
- Answers that are not explained.