

MISSING WORDS

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- The story is set in the 1980s. Why is this time period significant in the novella? How would the story differ if it were set in the present day?
- How would you describe Jenny? Is she a sympathetic character?
- What do you think the main motivation behind Jenny's actions is?
- The novella explores various different themes: family, friendship, loss, love. Which one do you think is the central theme or driving force and why?
- What does the setting of the Isle of Wight contribute to the overall narrative?
- Does the ending leave you, as the reader, satisfied? Has Jenny found closure?
- The novella deals with two mother-daughter relationships. What are the similarities and differences between these? How do the relationships influence the behaviour of the people involved?
- What does the postcard represent?