

#### Class 4 :Comprehension Answers: Apple Raid

1. The person speaking (possibly Vernon Scannell, the author), John Peters and Vernon Kidd. (You need all 3 for the mark)
2. They moved away from the town to the district where the houses were more wealthy, then chose a place to steal apples from.
3. They stole apples from the lower branches , or boughs.
4. They carried them in their pockets and in their jerseys (jumpers).
5. A clue is using the word jerseys – an old word for jumpers. It also mentions that they are now fifty years old.
6. Spiced – flavoured with spices, or a another taste  
District – a particular area of a country ,city or town  
Clustered – growing, situated, arranged or gathered close together in a group  
Plunder – to steal, or it could be used as a noun to describe the actual items which have been stolen.  
Loot – similar to plunder, a noun to describe the stolen goods, or it could be used as a verb meaning to steal (to loot the bank).  
Lies cold – this meaning relates to being dead, and buried in the ground.
7. It seems like autumn as it was getting dark early, but it wasn't yet cold like winter. Also, the fires may have been from people burning leaves which had begun falling off the trees.
8. It could be because it seems only the wealthy houses out of town had gardens.

9. Liquid gold – describes the yellowy colour of the light flooding onto the ground. It gives the idea of the light being able to flow over the pavement like a liquid being poured from the lamp.  
Green domes – this gives a clear idea of how perfect the apple trees looked – all the leaves together gave the impression of a smooth green structure protecting the apples inside and beneath.  
The secret dark – This give an air of mysterious and adventure, and doing something they shouldn't really be doing. It gives a feeling of risk. It suggest no-one goes down into this place.
10. John 'lies cold' in France suggests, that some years later he became a soldier and went to fight in the first or maybe second world war in France, but he was killed on the battlefield or in the trenches and his body still lies there.
11. The poet clearly has fond, happy memories of this time with his friends. He looks back on this time as a wonderful time in his life. At the same time he has a sadness that they are getting old now and this time has gone, and one of his friends has lost his life.