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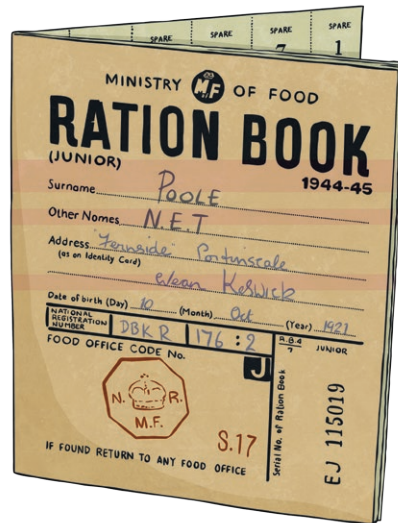
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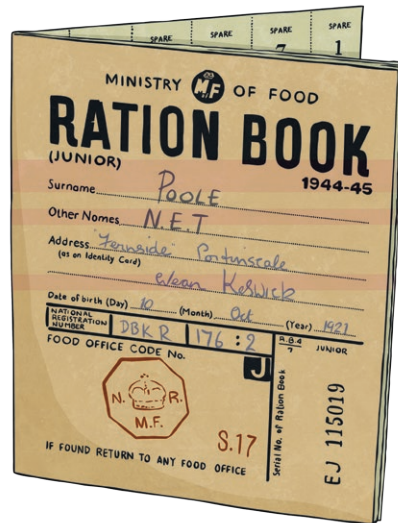
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Answers



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Accept: 'barter'



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Accept: 'a sweet'



3. Which phrase tells us that Clara was excited about getting an orange? Why was she excited?

Accept reference to 'can you believe it?', 'I even managed...'; she was excited because oranges were difficult to obtain and it would be difficult to believe that she had managed to get one.



4. Why does Clara end by saying 'I wish I could share with you'?

Accept any explanation of the fact that she has been evacuated to the countryside and her mother is still in London where food is harder to come by ('It's so much easier to get extra...').