

Poor family / Answers

- 1) It's an autobiography. Although it could be a novel in the form of an autobiography.
- 2)
 - a) It was the school holidays.
 - b) We were wandering around, not going anywhere in particular.
 - c) food
 - d) the money for the bus ticket
 - e) rarely
 - f) had, possessed
 - g) the rubber exterior part of a car wheel
 - h) getting a hole/getting a puncture
 - i) mend/mend
 - j) supported
- 3) It's an African-American family (a black American family) because the writer talks about how Bird used to 'catch a bus ride up where the white folks lived.'
- 4)
 - a) the writer's aunt, step-mum, mum, older sister?
 - b) the rich area of town where the white folks lived
 - c) a charity organisation
 - d) a Sunday religious lesson in the church for young children
- 5) Domestic work, cleaning, cooking and maybe baby-sitting
- 6) Maybe street signs, but probably shop signs
- 7)
 - a) The neighbors had enough money to get new tires.
 - b) They tried not to look poor and his father bought him a suit to wear to work. When he ran beside the bus he said he did this because he wanted to become a sports champion, not because he didn't have the fare for the ticket.
- 8) Probably because they were too big for him. They were from a charity shop, so it was difficult to get the right size.
- 9) tires, neighbors, gotten
- 10) blocks, ride the bus, blow out
- 11) A boxer, someone who became World Heavyweight Champion. It sounds like America in the 1940s and 1950s, so Muhammad Ali, not Mike Tyson who was later.