



She had been chasing it all day. Now, the crow had it.

Time was ticking. Time was running out. She tiptoed towards the creature, seeing the precious key it held **precariously** in its sharp, cruel beak. It let out an irritating, throaty cackle, its soot-black wings ruffling gently as it **manoeuvred** itself on top of the clock; it was ready to take flight.

Knowing she might only have a few seconds before her opportunity disappeared, she took another cautious step forward. Time seemed to slow, her body tingled in excitement and her heart thudded in her chest. It was now or never...

Complete these tasks in the order presented to write the best story. Task 1- Discussion

What do you definitely know about the picture? E.g. The bird is black

What do you think you know? E.g. The golden key in the birds beak opens the clock face which is a portal to a different dimension.

What would you like to ask about the picture? E.g. Where does the portal lead?

Task 2- Vocabulary work

1) Use a dictionary to define: Precariously

2) What does the word 'manoeuvred' tell you about the way the bird is moving?

Task 2- Question Time (be creative with your answers but they must be reasonable and link to the context of the picture...)

What do you think the key is for?

Why do you think the girl is so desperate to have it?

Why do you think the crow has taken the key?

Task 3- Can you continue the story from this point?

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Use the chart below to grade your writing...

Bronze	Silver	Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neatest handwriting• Paragraphs• Adjectives• Capital letters and full stops• , ! ?• Powerful verbs (not got, went or said)• Similes• Check spelling using a dictionary• Re-read to check it makes sense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adverbs (E.g. quickly, slowly)• Fronted adverbials (with a comma!)• ... - : ;• Personification• Speech "Get out!"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Extra information in brackets)• Embedded clause e.g. <u>The figure</u>, which was getting closer, let out a piercing squeal.