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# Quick Questions

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- abhorrent       foul
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3. Predict what might happen if Dr Crow were to tell Mrs Cartwright that he did not like her fish pie.
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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it is written in italics because it is from Dr Crow's journal so it will need to stand out as being different from the rest of the text in the book.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I get the impression that Dr Crow is tactful because he has chosen not to tell Mrs Cartwright outright that he doesn't like her fish pie.**

