**“Lamb to the Slaughter” Questions**

1. What do you infer about the setting of the story? What detail**s** lead you to this inference?

2. Dahl never tells readers what Patrick says to Mary, so we have to infer it. What do you think he tells her? Why?

3. Why do you think Dahl doesn’t share the news explicitly? What effect does it have on the story?

4. What is the author’s purpose for including the scene at the grocery store?

5. What do you think of the way the policemen treat Mary and how they handle their investigation? Why do they conduct themselves this way?

Irony

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| **Type of Irony** | **Evidence from Text** | **Why Ironic?** | **Author’s Purpose** |
| Situational |  |  |  |
| Dramatic |  |  |  |
| Verbal |  |  |  |

Theme

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| **Theme** | **Example 1** | **Example 2** | **Example 3** |
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