5. put it together (line 14) most nearly means:

- a. replace
- b. assemble
- c. decorate
- d. prepare

6. blanked out (line 20) most nearly means:

- a. showed nothing
- b. darkened
- c. covered
- d. dimmed.

b. Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Margie's mother call the inspector?

2. How did the inspector show friendliness to Margie?

c. Find words or short phrases in the text which mean:

1. sarcastic.....2. sadly.....

3. very quickly......4. touched gently.....

5. almost.....