Answers

Retrieving information:

1. a strong desire or impulse
2. be ready and prepared to do something
3. Bread and butter

Making inferences

1. In the past. Hanny is a nursemaid wearing an apron. This would have been common in rich houses in the past but not now. Also by the language such as ‘Children do wonder so.’
2. Hanny calls Scrope ‘Sir’. This shows he is in charge and so she would be scared to lose her job. She might also be scare because he might hurt her as well as the child.
3. He must have something to gain. He is an uncle and not the father so perhaps there is some sort on inheritance.

Writer’s choice

1. To make it sound calm and beautiful. This makes what Uncle Scrope is doing behind him scarier. Author’s often like to do this to create a contrast.
2. To make us, as readers, like Mouse but dislike Scrope. The pale eyes make Scrope seem lifeless and cold. On the other hand, bright eyes make Mouse seem full of life and happy.

Challenge.

1. I think mouse comes from a rich family. I think this because he has a nursemaid, which would only happen for wealthy children. This is set in the past and so having a supper (a late evening small meal after dinner) would only be possible if you had money. Butter would also have been an expensive item. The fact that Uncle Scrope wants to harm Mouse also suggests he is rich. It makes me think there is money to be gained by the death of the child. When Hanny is considering ways the child could be ‘accidentally hurt’, she mentions marble steps and balconies. These are things that would have only belonged to a child who came from money.