

**“You made this mess. You clean it up!”**

**She marched across to her house next door, beckoning me to follow. I was presented with a tin of white paint and a brush, then left to get on with it. Meanwhile, the neighbour whisked indignantly up the path, ready to inform the owner of the fence.**

**Brush-painting a fence is definitely harder than spray-painting one! It took me all morning to coat the boards, covering the graffiti. But the instant I lowered the brush . . . swish came the skirts of the nosy neighbour. She glared at me, arms folded, before surveying my handiwork.**

**“I rang your mother. She said to get up there and tell Eddie when you’re finished. And she said to tell him that you’re sorry you messed up his fence.”**



**clarify  
indignantly**

**character Analysis**  
what is the author trying to tell you about the character of the nosy neighbour?

