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## Level 1 English, 2011

**90851 Show understanding of significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading, using supporting evidence**

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Credits: Four

**RESOURCE BOOKLET**

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for English 90851.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–4 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

**YOU MAY KEEP THIS BOOKLET AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.**

**TEXT A: FICTION**

This passage describes a boy's experience of a fire in his home.

**The Moment before Light Disappears**

Lying on the sofa, Federico likes to peer into the gaps between the cushions.

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... Sylvia wraps her arms round  
him, carries him from the room slamming the door shut on the hungry flame.

**Glossed word**

distil            purify; extract the essential meaning from

Source (adapted): Kirsten McDougall, from 'Home Fires', in Turbine 05 (2005), <http://www.nzetc.org/iiml/turbine/Turbi05/fiction/mcdougall2.html> (accessed 17 November, 2010).

**TEXT B: POETRY**

In this poem, a boy is delivering newspapers in winter.

**Winter Round**

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**Glossed words**

bay	bark or howl loudly
brittle	(of a substance) hard, but easily broken or shattered
tumbleweed	a desert plant that grows in a rounded shape, dries out in the sun, then breaks off near the ground and is blown from place to place by the wind

**TEXT C: NON-FICTION**

This is an extract from an article describing how the tobacco industry is harmful to young people.

**Where there is Smoke there is Fire**

Mark takes a drag on his cigarette and the tip flares momentarily between his fingers ...

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Whether they are working in the tobacco fields or buying cigarettes in the market place, young people are at risk of falling victim to the poisonous influence of Big Tobacco.

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**Glossed word**

inhale          breathe in

Source (adapted): Madeline McIntyre, 'Where there is Smoke there is Fire', <http://www.justfocus.org.nz/2010/05/where-there-is-smoke-there-is-fire/> (accessed 17 November, 2010).