1. In the “Yetta” section, we learn that buckets of water are available everywhere. Why is that?
2. Why is it significant that the telautograph machine is not working?
3. What do we as readers know that Jane does not know when she goes looking for Mr. Blanck?
4. In the “Bella” section, why is it significant that she does not know what a fire drill is?
5. Read details about the fire escape collapse. What detail most increases the drama of this scene?
6. At the end of the excerpt, where is Bella most likely heading?
7. Study the vocabulary words.
8. What inferences can you make about Yetta’s character based on the text?
9. Compare and contrast Yetta, Jane and Bella.