

## Jessie Kesson (1916-1994)

Jessie Kesson wis a prolific scriever o novels, poetry, stories, radio plays an screenplays. She is considert ane o the foremaist modren Scottish authors. In 1958 Jessie scrievit the semi-autobiographical novel 'The Whits Bird Passes' about a young lassie that's pairtit frae her mither an sent tae bide in an orphanage.

Whilst the novels o Jessie Kesson are scrievit maistly in English, she aftimes yaises Scots vocabulary sperrinly an tellinly among the narrative an wi strang effect in the vyces o her characters.

1. Hae a wee think about hoo ye yaise language yersel.  
Whit leids dae ye yaise ivery day? Dae ye yaise Scots aw the time, or dae ye hae ither leids that ye speak an think in?

Scrieve them in the table aneath.

Hame	Schuil	Freends	Faimily	Thinkin

Share yer answers wi yer shooder-freend.

3. Whit dae ye tent aboot hou ye yaise language? Scribe yer answer in yer jotter.
4. Dae ye think awbody daes the same? Gie reasons fir yer answer.
5. Noo scribe a couple o sentences aboot yer ain life in English.  
Ye micht want tae think a wee bit aboot yer faimily an yer ain bairnhood, jist lik Jessie Kesson.
6. Shair it wi yer shooder-freend an highlight ony bits whaur ye micht yaise a Scots wurd instead.  
Does this chynge whit ye've scribed?
7. Noo try tae scribe a wee bit o dialogue atween yersel an a freend in Scots. Can ye act this oot fir the cless?