

Events in Doris's life and during the play

1. Look through the events listed below and decide in which order they occur in the play (in other words, the order in which Doris mentions them).
2. Think about why Alan Bennett chose to include these events and comment on the play and why he decided to put them in this order. For example, Zulema telling Doris she is the only thing between her and Stafford House is the first thing Doris mentions which suggests it is a great fear of Doris's; she feels vulnerable and threatened by Zulema even though it is her own house.
3. Choose the three events which you think are the most important; write a paragraph for each one explaining their significance.

Order in which it happens	Event
	Doris notices the cream cracker under the setter.
	Wilfred insisted they bought the pram because he saw it in the local newspaper for a good price.
	The gate is banging – Wilfred was supposed to fix it but never did.
	Doris has a lot of pillowcases put away upstairs as well as coats and hats for the baby.
	Wilfred wanted a dog but never got one. He also talked about getting an allotment but never did.
	A leaflet is dropped through the letterbox.
1	Zulema tells Doris she is the only thing between her and Stafford House.
	A policeman knocks on the door but Doris tells him she's okay and he leaves.
	Leaves are blowing into the garden and they apparently belong to the neighbour.
	Doris describes how people in sheltered accommodation.
	Doris and Wilfred had a baby but he died at birth.
	Doris explains how she fell.
	Religious people called at the house the week before.
	Doris remembers when she was a child and sings a song from her childhood.
	Doris is trying to get to the window but she explains that she does not know any of the neighbours now.
	A boy wees in the garden and Doris shouts at him.