

Support for Year 4 English – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

Week beginning 23rd march 2020

Start by recapping chapter 4 here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAiU8Hm-4lw>

- *While you're listening, think about...*
- - Can you hear any of the devices we've been talking about: onomatopoeia, repetition, similes/ metaphors, rhetorical questions...
- - How does Ted Hughes make you want to read/ listen on in this chapter? How does he make it dramatic?
- - When you get to the end of the chapter, can you summarise what happened? In only 4 sentences? What were the key bits of information?

Listen carefully! These were some of our favourite phrases. Can you hear them? Tick them off as you go! were yours? Choose three that you liked.

- Dreadful silhouette
- Black flying horror
- Frightened faces
- Tea cups in London
- Vast indescribably terrible eyes
- A charred pebble
- The smoke drifted like a black crawling continent
- A juicy, spicy old gas stove

First task - letter

- Write a letter to the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon persuading him not to destroy the Earth.
- Structure it in three paragraphs.
- *Why can't the people of Earth meet the creature's demands for feeding him?*
- *What things are important on Earth that need saving? What would happen if he started destroying it?*
- *What should he do instead? Can you offer him something in return? Or a different choice?*

Before writing - plan for the letter and some sentence starters

Paragraph 1

Why can't the people of Earth meet the creature's demands for feeding him?

Dear Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon,

We, the people of Earth, are writing to you to tell you why we can't meet your demands.

If we start to give you living things...

These demands are...

We can't...

Paragraph 2

What things are important on Earth that need saving? What would happen if he started destroying it?

Life on Earth is...

Living things are...

If you destroy...

We are asking you....

How would you feel if...?

Paragraph 3

What should he do instead? Can you offer him something in return? Or a different choice?

Instead of taking living things, why don't you...

It would be better to... because...

You should consider...

A better choice would be...

From...

While writing – some possible words to include

- vital
- important
- desperate
- necessary
- destroy
- devastate
- precious
- crucial

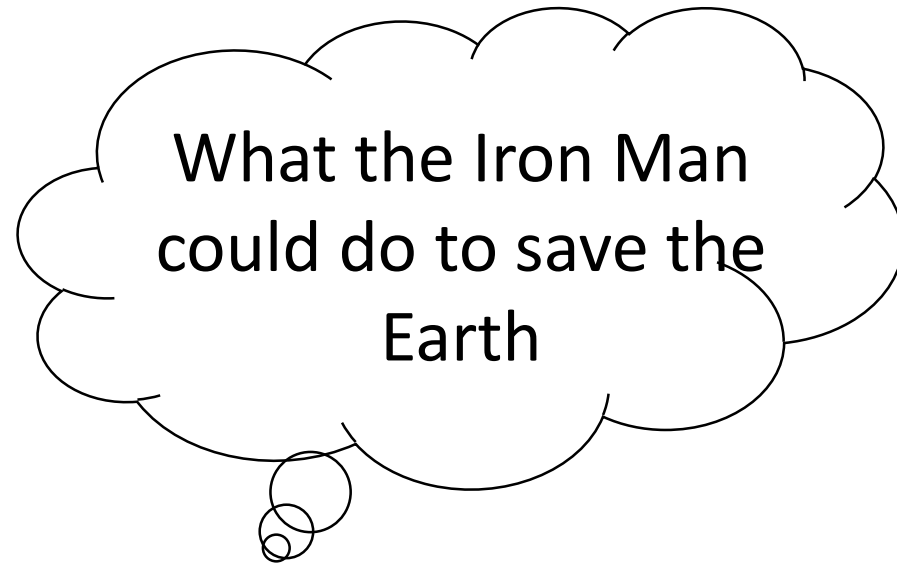
After writing – can you proof read and edit?

- Check:
- Did you remember all capital letters? Are there any you missed or any which don't need to be there?
- Did you remember punctuation for all sentences? Are any of the sentences too long? Did you use the correct punctuation (remember to include checking apostrophes!)
- Are there any spellings you could correct?
- Did you remember to leave lines between paragraphs?
- Did you remember to use sentence starters and key words?

Second task - prediction

- Write a prediction for the next part of the story. The Iron Man has had an idea.
- What do you predict he will do? Will he save the Earth? How? What do you think his plan is?
- Write your prediction and then check back next week to see if you were right!

Before writing – make a mind map of all the possible options. It might help to talk about it with someone else



While writing – sentence starters

- I predict that the Iron Man will...
- He should...
- This will work because...
- People on Earth will...
- Hogarth will...
- The Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon will...
- In the end...

After writing – can you proof read and edit?

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- Did you remember punctuation for all sentences? Are any of the sentences too long? Did you use the correct punctuation (remember to include checking apostrophes!)
- Are there any spellings you could correct?

Challenge task – dictionary work

Can you find the meanings of these words in a dictionary? They were all used in this chapter.

Use this one if you want: <https://kids.wordsmyth.net/we/>

Write the definitions down and then try to use the new word in a sentence of your own

- Indescribable
- Silhouette
- Astronomer
- Monstrosity
- Charred