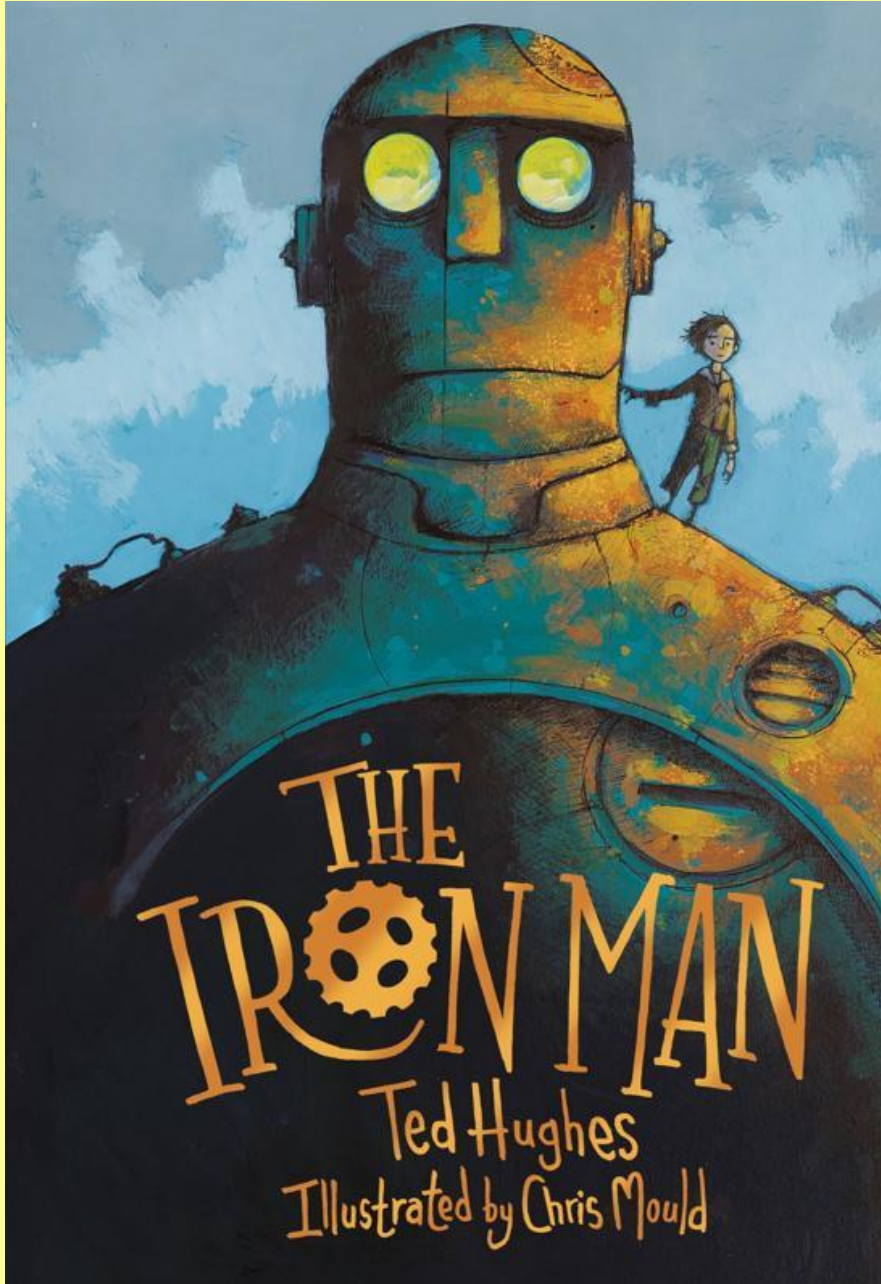


The Iron Man

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Sequencing

RECALL:



1. What three questions does the author use at the start of the text?
2. The Iron Man is taller than a _____.
3. If the Iron Man is stood on the brink of the cliff, what does brink mean?
4. The Iron Man's head is shaped like a _____ and is as big as a _____.
5. What can the Iron Man hear with his ears?
6. What two colours does the Iron Man's eyes turn?
7. How do you think the Iron Man feels when he discovers the sea?
8. Down the Iron Man came toppling down the cliff. What does 'toppling' mean?

LEARNING LADDER AND SKILLS:

Responder - I can participate in discussions about books... that are read to me and those that I can read for myself.

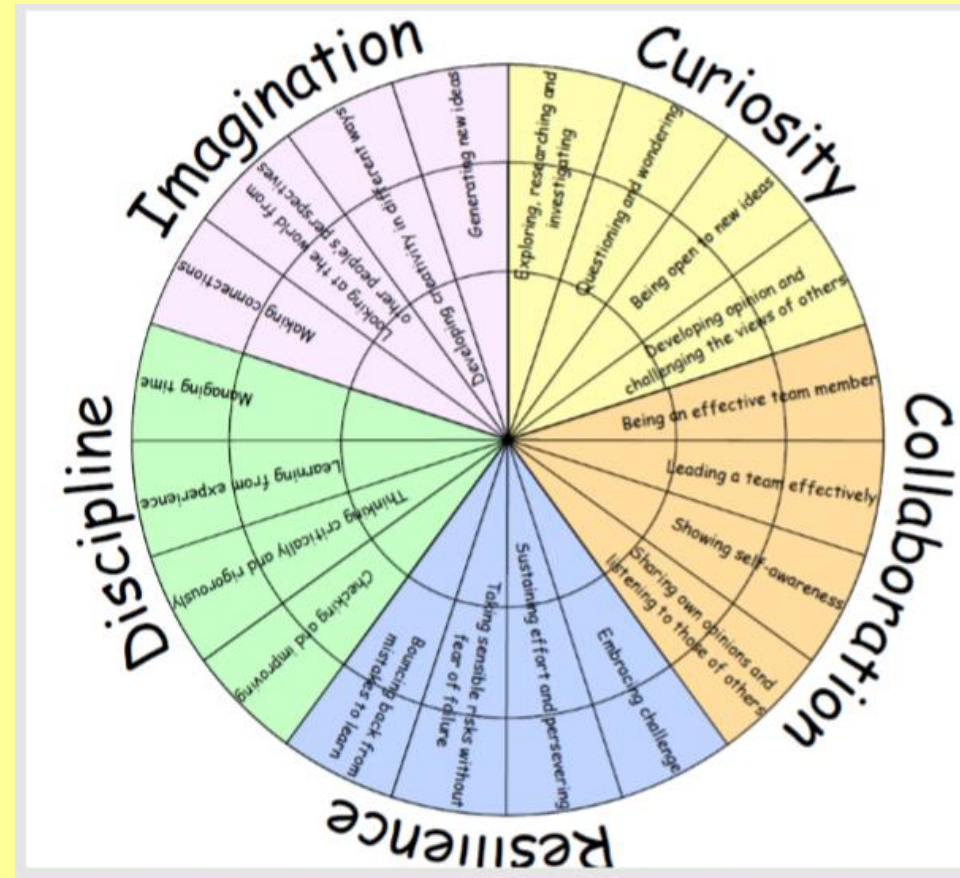
SKILLS:

- Increasing the words read per minute
- Understanding the story structure
- Sequence the parts of story

LEARNING HABITS:



Which learning habits do you think we will need to use today?



Read through it by yourself a few times. When you feel confident, see how many words you can read in 1 minute. Highlight the word you get to. Hopefully you will get faster as you read it more.

Chapter 1
The coming of the Iron Man



The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.

How far had he walked? Nobody knows. Where did he come from? Nobody knows. How was he made? Nobody knows.

Taller than a house, the Iron Man stood at the top of the cliff, on the very brink, in the darkness.

The wind sang through his iron fingers. His great iron head, shaped like a dustbin but as big as a bedroom, slowly turned to the right, slowly turned to the left. His iron ears **turned**, this way, that way. He was hearing the sea. His eyes, like headlamps, glowed white, then red, then infrared, searching the sea. Never before had the Iron Man seen the sea.

He swayed in the strong wind that pressed against his back. He swayed forward, on the brink of the high cliff.

And his right foot, his enormous iron right foot, **lifted** - up, out into space, and the Iron Man stepped forward, off the cliff, into nothingness.

CRRRAAAASSSSSH!

Down the cliff the Iron Man came toppling, head over heels.

CRASH!

CRASH!

CRASH!

From rock to rock, snag to snag, **tumbling** slowly. And as he crashed and crashed and crashed.

His iron legs fell off.

His iron arms broke off, and the hands broke off the arms.

His great iron ears fell off and his eyes fell out.

His great iron head fell off.

All the separate pieces tumbled, scattered, crashing, bumping, clanging, down on to the rocky beach far below.

A few rocks tumbled with him. Then silence.

Only the sound of the **sea**, chewing away at the edge of the rocky beach, where the bits and pieces of the Iron Man lay scattered far and wide, silent and unmoving.

Only one of the iron hands, lying beside an old, sand-logged washed-up seaman's boot, waved its fingers for a minute, like a crab on its back. Then it lay still.

While the stars went on wheeling through the sky and the wind went on tugging at the grass on the cliff top and the sea went on boiling and booming.

Nobody knew the Iron Man had fallen.

Night passed.



Task 1: Sequencing

Here are some pictures that represent different parts of the story.
Can you put them into order?



Standing on the cliff.



Searching the sea.



Eyes turn white.



Steps off the cliff.



Broken at the bottom of the cliff.



Eyes turn red.



Falling head over heels.



More parts break off.



Legs break off.

Answers for task 1.



1 Standing on the cliff.



2 - Eyes turn white.



3 - Eyes turn red.



4 - Searching the sea.



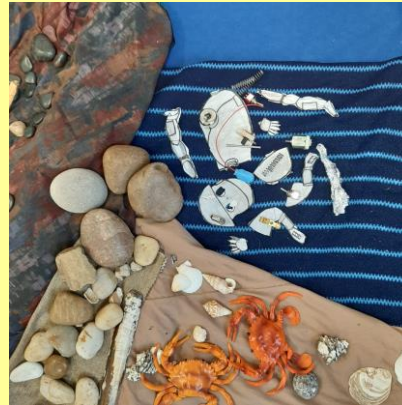
5- Steps off the cliff.



6 - Falling head over heels.



7 - Legs break off.



8 - More parts break off.



9 - Broken at the bottom of the cliff.



Task 2: Sequencing

Now write an interesting sentence for each of the pictures. There are many different sentences you could create for each picture. I have given you some examples below.



One stormy evening, the Iron Man walked towards the cliff edge.
One starry night, an enormous Iron Man stomped towards the edge of the cliff.
Whilst everyone slept, a humongous robot made of iron thudded towards a cliff.
Last night, a shiny silver man made of metal stood on the rocky edge of a cliff.
At midnight, as the moon shone down,



Curiously, the Iron Man scanned the sea and discovered turbulent waves.
After hearing the sound of the sea, the Iron Man turned on his infrared light to scan the sea.
Whilst listening to the gentle waves, the Iron Man used powerful lights to see the bottom of the cliff.



Silently, the Iron Man lay broken on the rocky beach beneath the cliff edge.
At the bottom of the cliff, the Iron Man had shattered into a hundred different pieces.
The Iron Man's head, hands, arms, legs and other pieces were scattered all over the beach.