

The Iron Woman

By Ted Hughes

Lesson 3



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Retrieve the answers on the next page

RECALL example answer:

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The author has made the voice seem strange and mysterious. He has also made the reader question whether Lucy is dreaming or awake. He uses a technique where he writes a sentence about the voice, then a sentence about something slightly different, then another sentence about the voice.

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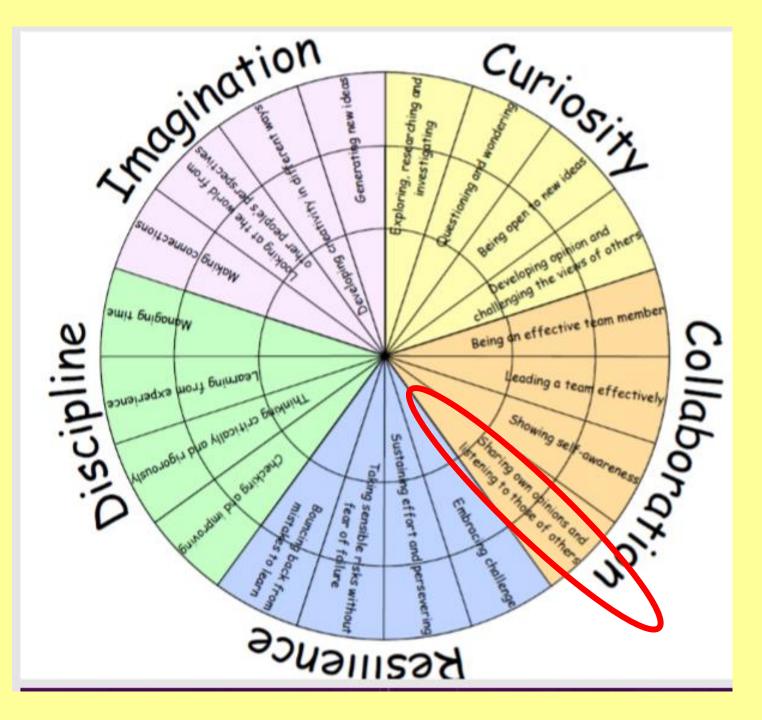
Can you see the same technique used in this bit?

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Sentences about the Iron Woman's leg Cut out the pictures on the 'sentence subjects' sheet. Number them so that they match the order they appear in the text extract.

Extension questions:

Is there more than one way of sequencing the pictures? Does the story still make sense if the pictures are put in a different order? Is it more or less effective?



LEARNING HABITS:

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



