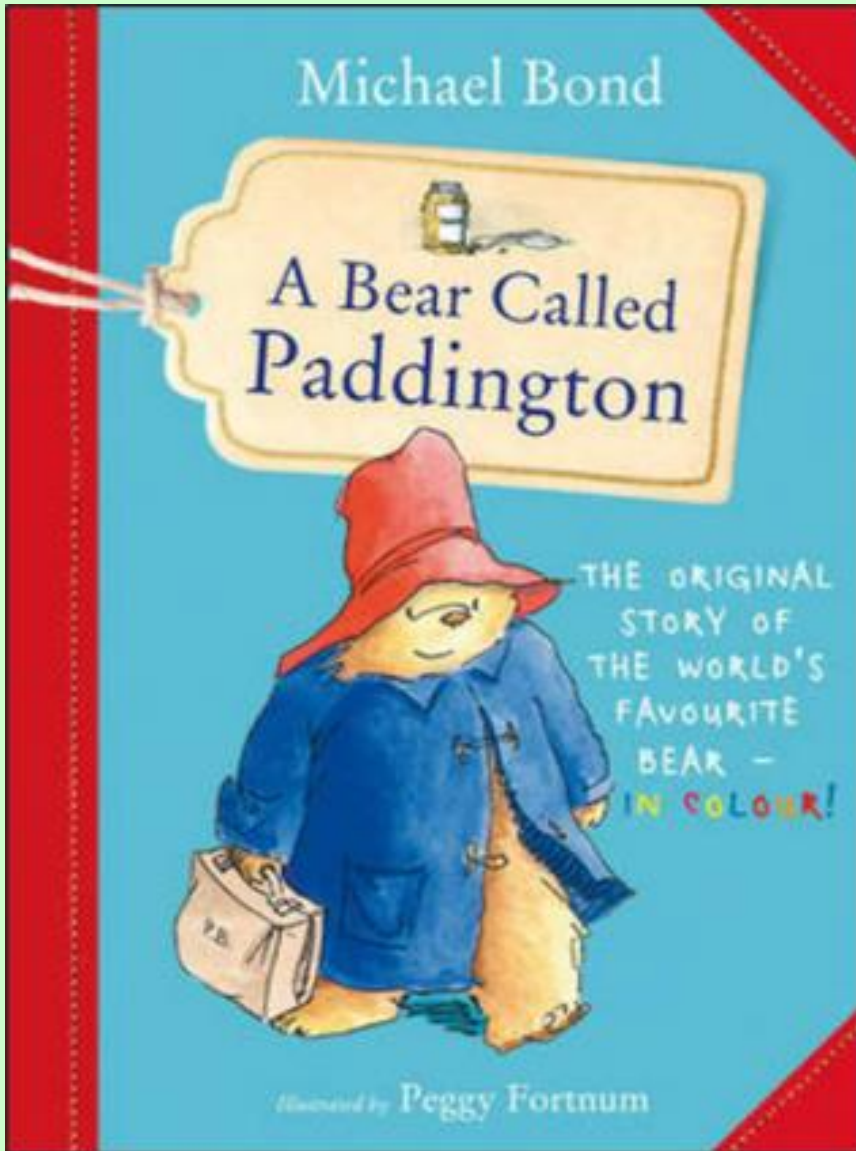




# A Bear Called Paddington

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Phase 2 - Day 7 (02.03.21)  
Inverted commas for  
character speech



**SPEED READ - READING FLUENCY:** - Read through the text. When you feel confident, see how many words you can read in one minutes and colour the word in with a colour.

## Chapter One - PLEASE LOOK AFTER THIS BEAR



Mr and Mrs Brown first met Paddington on a railway platform. In fact, that was how he came to have such an usual name for a bear, for Paddington was the name of the station.

The Browns were **there** to meet their daughter Judy, who was coming home from school for the holidays. It was a warm summer day and the station was crowded with people on their way to the seaside.

Trains were humming, loudspeakers blaring, porters rushing about shouting at one another and altogether there was so much noise that Mr Brown, who saw him **first**, had to tell his wife several times before she understood.

"A bear? On Paddington Station?" Mrs Brown looked at her husband in amazement. "Don't be silly, Henry. There can't be?"

Mr Brown adjusted his glasses. "But there is," he insisted. "I distinctly saw it. Over there - near the bicycle rack. It was wearing a funny kind of hat." Without waiting for a reply, he caught hold of his wife's arm and pushed her through the **crowd**, round a trolley laden with chocolate and cups of tea, past a bookstall and through a gap in a pile of suitcases towards the Lost Property Office.

"There you are," he announced triumphantly, pointing towards a dark corner, "I told you so!"

Mrs Brown followed the direction of his arm and dimly made out a small object in the shadows. It seemed to be sitting on some kind of suitcase and around its neck there as a label with some writing on it.

The suitcase was old and **battered** and on the side, in large letters, were the words WANTED ON VOYAGE.

Mrs Brown clutched at her husband. "Why Henry," she **exclaimed**. "I believe you were right after all. It is a bear!"

She peered at it more closely. It seemed a very unusual kind of bear. It was brown in colour, a rather dirty brown and it was wearing a most odd-looking hat, with a wide brim, just as Mr Brown had said.

From beneath the brim two large, round eyes stared back at her.

# LEARNING LADDER AND FEATURES:



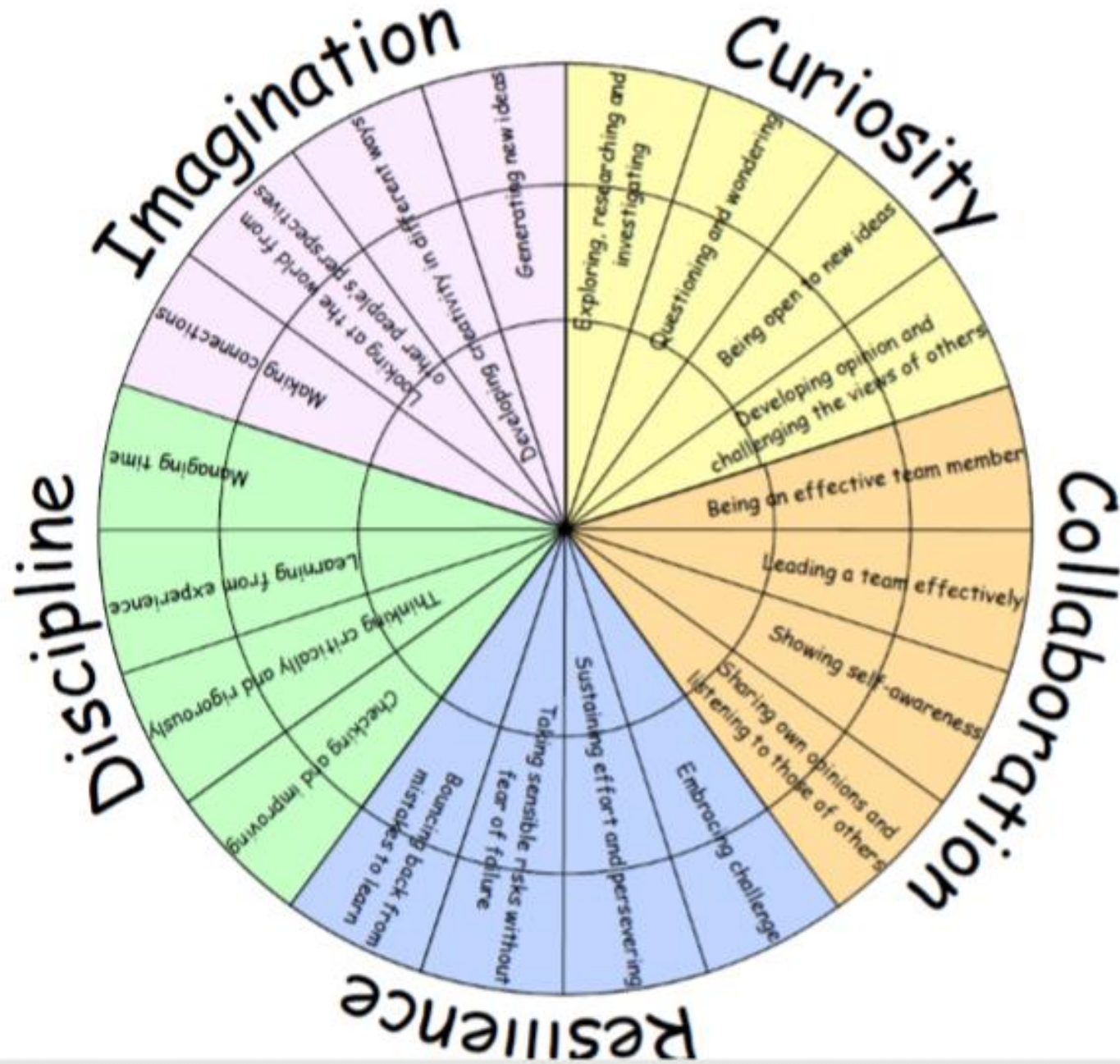
Reading Comprehender - I can identify the features of different text types

Writing Purposeful Targets - I know who my writing is for (my intended audience)

Writing Grammar Giants - I can use full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks and commas for lists. I can use inverted commas to demarcate speech.

## FEATURES:

- Inverted commas for speech
- Different punctuation (full stops/ exclamation marks/question marks)
- Different words for 'said'



## LEARNING HABITS:

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

# BLUEPRINT FOR THE STORY:



STEP	CONTENT	FEATURES
Step 1	Mr and Mrs Brown are waiting at the station for Judy to arrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the station.</li></ul>
Step 2	Mr and Mrs Brown have a conversation about seeing a bear at the station.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speech</li><li>• Punctuation</li><li>• Reported clauses.</li></ul>
Step 3	Mr and Mrs Brown move through the station and Mr Brown finds Paddington Bear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Descriptive phrases</li><li>• Short, spoken language,</li><li>• Vocabulary</li></ul>
Step 4	Mrs Brown sees something and realises it's a bear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Descriptive phrases of Paddington</li><li>• Speech</li></ul>

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Identify where Michael Bond uses speech in these two extracts and highlight the spoken words. Highlight the inverted commas in a different colour too.

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# TASK 1



## PRACTISE:

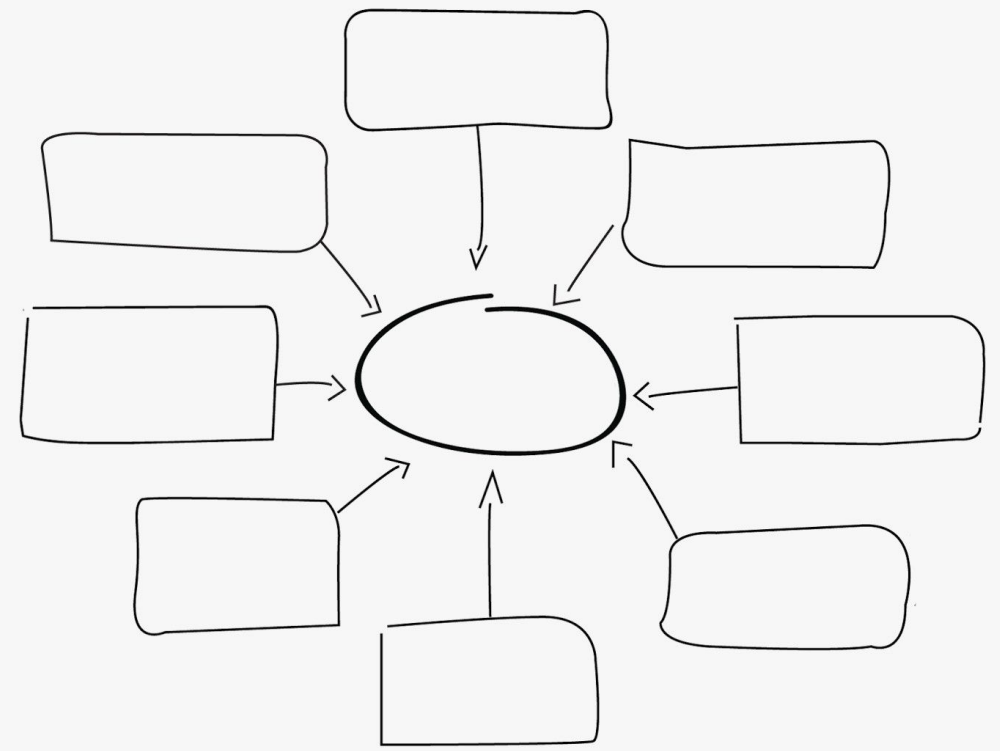
There are many different words that means the same as 'said'.

I have given you some. Yelled means said loudly. Joked means said in a funny way. Told means said in a bossy way. Groaned means said in a complaining way. Asked means said in a questioning way. Whispered means said in a quiet way.



How many different words can you think of that mean the same as 'said'?

You can use a thesaurus to help you find synonyms (words that means the same).



# TASK 2

## PRACTISE:

Read these examples of speech. 

"I think I saw a frog leap into the pond." said the gardener.

"Why are you eating chocolate before dinner?" questioned grandma.

"Stop being mean to me!" demanded the little boy.

"Is it time for bed yet mummy?" yawned Abigail.

"Open wide!" commanded the dentist.

Using colours, highlight the red punctuation, yellow speech, orange predicate and green subject as modelled above. 

"May I have another slice of cake?" asked the customer.

"Your pet needs to have this medicine to get better." advised the vet.

"Please can I stay up ten more minutes?" begged Jack.

"I beat your top score!" boasted Alex.

"This shop will close in five minutes." announced the shopkeeper.

Now write speech for each of these characters. 



Doctor

Artist

Chef

Firefighter

Astronaut

Pilot

Try to use a different word for 'said'.

Write your sentences neatly on paper. Can you write any more examples for different people?

# APPLY THE FEATURE:



Now think about what speech you could include to rewrite the scene where Mr Brown spots the bear, Paddington, and tries to tell his wife, Mrs Brown.

"\_\_\_\_\_!" exclaimed Mr Brown.

"\_\_\_\_\_?" questioned Mrs Brown.

"\_\_\_\_\_!" repeated Mr Brown.

"Ridiculous! Don't be silly! It is just your eyesight playing tricks on you!" laughed Mrs Brown.

"But I saw it! The bear was \_\_\_\_\_!" insisted Mr Brown.

"\_\_\_\_\_!" \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Brown.

