

Today, we are starting a new book in English.

the Iron
man

What questions would you like to ask?

Read the opening to the story. What do you picture in your head? What words/ phrases tell you about what the Iron Man looks like/ where the story starts?

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.

Task:

What do you picture in your head after reading the opening?

Draw a picture to match what you have read. Label your drawing with quotes from the text.

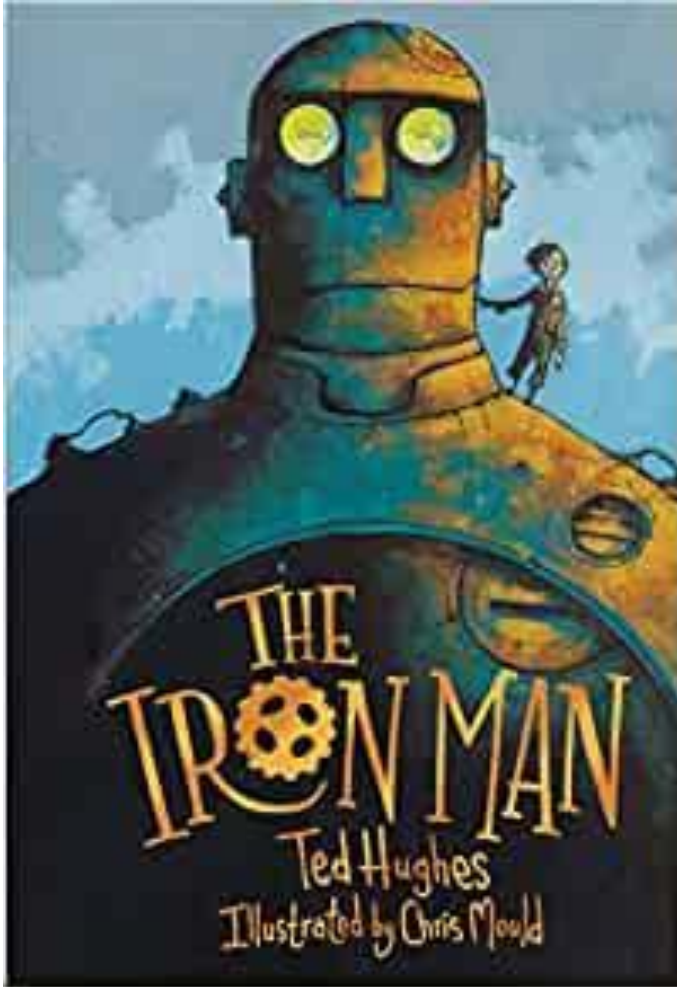
No one knew where the Iron Man came from, or even how he was made.	The Iron Man was taller than a house.	The Iron Man liked dancing and that's how he fell.
The Iron Man's head was shaped like a door.	The wind blew through his iron fingers.	The Iron Man's eyes glowed blue.
The strong wind pressed against his back when he was stood at the top of the cliff.	The Iron Man had an enormous right foot.	The Iron Man tumbled quickly down the cliff.
The Iron Man landed in one piece at the bottom of the cliff.	The Iron Man's head was as big as a bedroom.	The Iron Man had never seen the sea.
The Iron Man was trying to look for a new friend.	The Iron Man rode a bike down the cliff and fell off the bike.	His headlamps glowed white and red, then infra-red.
The Iron Man stood at the bottom of the cliff at the beginning of the story.	The Iron Man was searching the sea.	The cliff the Iron Man stood on was high.

Truth or rumour?

Sort the statements into what you think is true and what could just be a rumour.

Why?

Tuesday 22nd March
Asking questions



Task: Using the front cover and what we have read so far, what questions could you ask about the text?

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