

The Iron Man Reading Activity

Chapter 4

Read chapter 4 of *The Iron man* by Ted Hughes

(Available to download in this week's learning activities)

Remember to answer directly from the text in full sentences. An example is provided:

Questions:

1. At the start of page 22, what was the big news that everybody is talking about?

The big news that everyone was talking about is.....

2. What would have happened if the star had hit the Earth at the speed it was travelling?

3. What appeared to come out of the star on the fifth night?

4. What did the the space-bat-angel-dragon want when it finally spoke?

5. After the humans attacked the monster, how did it react? How do you think this made people feel?

Facts About Greece

Where in the world is Greece?

Greece is a country in the south-east of Europe. It has borders with four other countries: North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Albania.

Greece has a very long coastline, with over 2000 islands and rocky outcrops. The Aegean, Ionian and Mediterranean Seas flow around the islands, the largest of which is Crete. Being beside the sea makes Greece a popular holiday destination.



What is the weather like in Greece?

Most people consider Greece to be a summer holiday destination, although there are also popular ski resorts in the mountainous regions to the north of Athens. Greece has hot, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. Because of the sunny climate, more than 25 million tourists visit Greece each year!

What is the capital city of Greece?

The capital city of Greece is Athens. Athens is one of the oldest cities in Europe, having been established more than 7000 years ago. It is said to be the birthplace of democracy and is named after the Ancient Greek goddess Athena.



Facts about Greece

- Greece enjoys more than 250 days of sunshine a year! (The UK gets around half of that.)
- Mount Olympus is the highest peak in Greece, measuring 9754 feet high.
- In 2015, 26.5 million tourists visited Greece - that's more than the entire population of Greece!
- Greek houses are often painted white to reflect the heat from the summer sun.
- Around 40% of the entire population of Greece live in Athens - that's almost half of all the people in Greece!

Greece Fact file questions:

1. Where is *Greece*?
2. Name the four countries that border *Greece*?
3. What is the capital of *Greece*?
4. How did *Athens* get its name?
5. What is the highest mountain in *Greece*?

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Chapter 5

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Remember to answer directly from the text in full sentences an example is provided:

Questions:

1. How was the Iron man transported to Australia? Why did they need to use this method?
2. How did the space-bat-angel-dragon react to the Iron man's challenge of strength?
3. What was the Iron man's challenge for the space-bat-angel-dragon?
4. Describe what happened to the space-bat-angel-dragon after landing on the sun for the first time.
5. Challenge: Find 3 interesting adjectives (adjectives describe nouns) that the author has used to engage the reader.