

Learning Objective: I can answer questions about what I have read

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.

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Use the text to fill in the missing words and answer the questions.

1. The Iron Man came to the top of the_____.
2. The Iron Man was taller than a_____.
3. The Iron Man's_____ was shaped like a dustbin.
4. The Iron Man could_____the sea.
5. The strong_____pressed against his back.
6. The Iron Man's_____was enormous.
7. The Iron Man_____forward off the cliff.
8. What does Ted Hughes use in the first paragraph to grab the reader's attention?

9. What words tell us that the Iron Man is bigger than a person?

10. What are the Iron Man's eyes like?
