

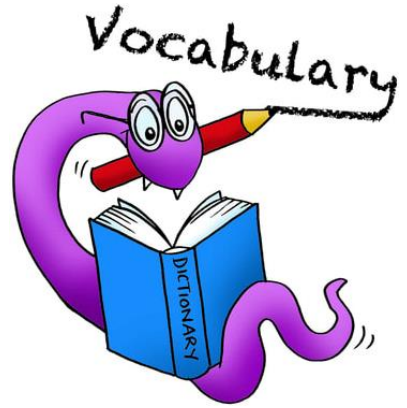
DAY ONE

Read Chapter 1 of 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy. A PDF version can be found by [here](#). Click 'Read an extract' and open the PDF.

Once you have read Chapter 1, answer the following questions.

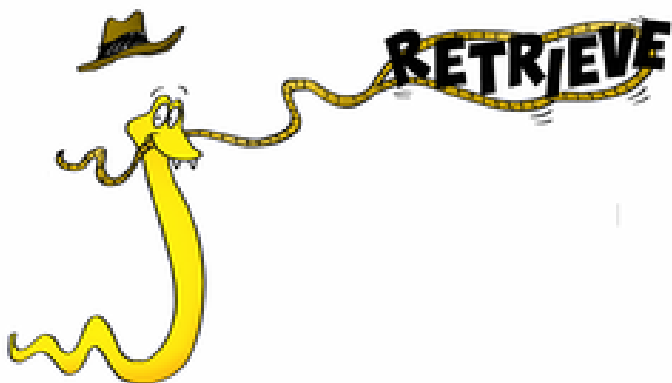
Vocabulary

1. Define 'engrossed'.
2. What does 'tradition' mean?
3. Define 'briskly'.
4. Write a synonym for 'expedition'.
5. What does 'perished' mean?



Retrieve

1. Where is the story set?
2. What book was Arthur reading?
3. Who won the race to the top?
4. How does Arthur say he lost his arm? Is it true? How do you know?



DAY TWO

Use Chapter 1 of 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy to answer the following questions.

Infer

1. What does Arthur mean by 'thanks for nothing'?
2. How will Poacher feel if she catches the children?
3. How can you tell that the children know a lot about sky skips?
4. Do you think Madame Poacher was a good choice for the job of housekeeper? Why?
5. Why do you think the children slept in the library?



Explain

What impression do you get of Madame Gainsford?
Explain your answer.



DAY THREE

Summarise Chapter 1 of 'Brightstorm' in less than 50 words.

Remember to include key characters and key points!



DAY FOUR

Use Chapter One of 'Brightstorm' to complete the activities on this sheet.

Use the words in the box below to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

- 1. The children, _____ and _____, are _____ and _____.
- 2. Their father is an _____ who is now _____ dead.
- 3. Mr _____ 'perished' in the third _____.
- 4. _____ Brightstorm's sky-ship is the _____.
- 5. The Geographical _____ is based in _____

Ernest	Society	Lontown	broken
Arthur	sister	brother	Maudie
	explorer	presumed	
Brightstorm		continent	human
		Violetta	

Decide whether each of these statements is true (t) or false (f).

Arthur's right arm is made of metal.	
Mistress Poacher is the housekeeper for the Brightstorm family.	
The meeting at The Geographical Society was at 10 chimes.	

What do you think will happen to the children now?
Explain your prediction.

DAY FIVE

Choose one of the following writing tasks to complete.

Option 1:

Write a diary entry from either Arthur or Maudie's point of view at the end of the chapter. Remember to include events, key information and feelings.

Option 2:

Write a short story about how Arthur lost his arm in the Northern Marshes because a snake attacked him. Remember to write a setting description, include speech and action. Think carefully about the characters of Arthur and Maudie.

You may decide to write this as a comic strip (template is in the folder).

Option 3:

Write a flashback from the perspective of the twins when their father interviewed Mistress Poacher. What would they remember about her on the day? What would they remember about their father?

See page 9 of Chapter One for information.