

The Iron Man

Chapter One – The coming of the Iron Man

1) The Iron Man falls over the cliff. Which part of him breaks off first?

2) 'Nobody knew the Iron Man had fallen.' Why not?

3) Do you think the Iron Man is a good or bad character? Explain your answer.

4) 'They watched the immense man striding to and fro over the rocks below.' What does the word 'immense' tell us about the Iron Man?

5) What did the seagulls think was a strange kind of crab?

6)

Be a 'Word Detective' and search for examples of powerful verbs in Chapter 1. Ted Hughes uses some really interesting and ambitious action words to describe the movements and state of the Iron Man. Some good examples are 'toppling' and 'tumbling'. See how many you can find! Can you sort them into verbs that describe activity and verbs that describe stillness?

