

**STEP 1 – LOOK AT THE COVER**  
 Carefully look at the cover of the text. Pay close attention to any pictures, words or names that might give you a clue about the story.

**Section B: Predicting - Was my prediction correct?**



**Making predictions:**  
 I think that the book \_\_\_\_\_. I know this because I looked at \_\_\_\_\_ and at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Another thing that makes me think that is \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, I think that this book is going to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Section A:	Key-Vocabulary
infrared	rays like light but outside the visible spectrum at the red end / although we cannot see it, we can feel it as heat
torso	the trunk of the human body (ribs, navel etc)
sheer	incredibly steep, almost vertical
harrow	equipment used for breaking up and smoothing out soil
colossal	extremely large or great
unfurled	spread out from a rolled or folded state
hillock	a small hill or mound
jolt	push or shake abruptly
boughs	main branch of a tree
girders	large iron or steel beam often used to build bridges
constellation	group of stars forming a recognizable pattern
astronomers	an expert in or student of stars, planets and space
silhouette	the dark shape and outline of someone or something
blotted	to get in the way of a view of something
pedestals	the base or support on which a statue is kept
lament	passionate expression of grief or sorrow
blissful	extremely happy; full of joy

**Important Information**

**Plot**  
 An iron giant appears from seemingly nowhere, feeding on local farm equipment. A trap is set and he is buried, although he eventually escapes. A small boy called Hogarth has the idea of sending him to a scrapyard to feed him metal and keep him out of the way. Meanwhile a giant dragon appears to get larger in space and makes its way to earth. The Iron Man is suddenly called upon to help save the world.

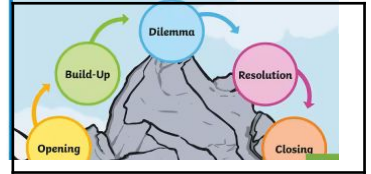
**Themes**  
 War Vs Peace, Tolerance, Kindness, Betrayal, Judging Others and Courage.

**Setting**  
 The opening to the book is set in an unknown part of the world on a cliff top by the sea. This could possibly be England as this is where Ted Hughes came from. As the Iron Man makes his way inland, he travels over hills and fields but ends up trapped in a giant hole. After he climbs out, he is kept in a different rural town nearby where there is a scrapyard. When the Space-Bat-Angel Dragon appears from space, it lands on Australia, causing tremors all around the world.

**Characters**

The Iron Man	Protagonist or Antagonist? - Giant metal man who appears on earth.
Hogarth	Protagonist - Young boy who strikes up a relationship with the Iron Man
Hogarth's Family	Hogarth has a father, mother and sister.
Farmers	They build a giant trap to bury the Iron Man
Armed Forces	Sent to destroy the strange creature from the sky.
Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon	Protagonist or Antagonist? - The giant creature which falls to earth and battles with the armed forces of the world.

**PLOT:** what happens in a story



**THEMES:** the meaning of a story, the message that the writer wants to express



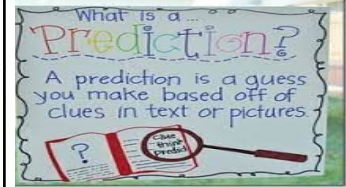
**SETTING:** place, location, background



**CHARACTERS:** person, people in the book



**Section C: Extension**



Extension choice 1 - Use the new vocabulary in sentences of your own.  
 Extension choice 2 - write superlatives for different words about the iron man.

tall, taller, tallest  
 big, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, stronger, \_\_\_\_\_  
 bad, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, boldest