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'Beach Detectives'

Inference Questions with Inference Iggy

Inference Iggy will help you hunt for clues in a text about how someone might be feeling or why something is happening.

Vocabulary Questions with Vocabulary Victor

Vocabulary Victor will help you to look at how authors and poets have chosen to use certain words and phrases.

Look at the cover

- Read the title. What is a detective?
- How would you feel if you had to be a detective?
- How do you think the boy and the dog feel?

Chapter 1 – Mystery on the Seashore

- Are Glyn and Bryn real detectives? How do you know?
- Why do you think dad is calling them detectives?
- What is unusual about Bryn?
- How do you think the picnic was ruined?

Chapter 2 – A Footprint in the Sand

- How do you think mum and dad feel when they are trying to stop Alis crying?
- Why is Glyn sniffing the ground? What do you know about dogs' sense of smell?
- Can you think of any other stories where a dog helps find something?

Chapter 3 – The Silence of the Donkey

- What is your first impression of the donkey?
- Why do you think the donkey might be scared to talk about the seagulls?
- What does the word 'exclaimed' mean? Can you think of another word that could be used instead?

Chapter 4 – The Gull on the Bin

- 'Outside was a squat concrete bin.' What does the word squat mean?
- How do we know that Glyn feels scared on page 27?
- What does the word 'cackled' make you think of? Does it make you think the seagull is a good or bad character?

Chapter 5- What the Crab Saw

- What does 'You don't know the half of it' mean?
- Why do you think the crab thinks he can't help stop the seagulls?
- What adjectives can you think of to describe Carys?

Chapter 6 – Along came a seagull

- How do you think the seagulls feel at the start of this chapter?
- Why did Bryn's hands turns slippery with sweat?
- Why did Alis's eyes grow round with astonishment? What has happened?
- Do you think people will believe Alis if she tells people she can speak to animals?