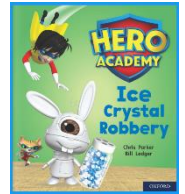


'Ice Crystal Robbery' by Chris Parker



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.



Vocabulary to discuss- alternate pronunciations

Ice, crystals, thief, wrong, heading, managed, heap, huge

Questions:

- *Look at the front cover. Read the title.*
Discuss how the words 'Ice Crystal Robbery' all have alternate ways to pronounce the sounds. Eg, the 'c' in ice is a soft c. The 'y' in crystal sounds like an 'i' but the 'y' in robbery sounds like an 'ee'.
- *Page 4-5*
What words can you see that describe the ice crystals? Why are they powerful? What does 'sheet of ice' make you think of?
- *Page 8*
Which words help you to understand how Miss Linen and Jim were feeling?
- *Page 10*
Why do you think the author chose to use the word 'charged' to describe how they ran down the stairs?
- *Pause at Page 16*
Have a think about the names of the characters... what do you know about what Swoop, Sprint and Combat mean in everyday life? Do the names suit the character's personalities?
- *Pause at Page 21*
Can you find any words to describe how the characters move (verbs- yelled, zoomed, pulled, flew, sprinkled, chuckled, grab)?
- *When finished, think about the following questions...*
How would the book sound if we read it again without all of the adjectives and verbs?
Would it still be an interesting story?

Challenge: What would you make with ice crystals?