

Comprehension activity

Clink, Clink, Clink!

At the sound of metal, the Iron Man's hands became still. After a few seconds, he slowly turned his head and the headlamp eyes shone towards Hogarth. Again, Clink, Clink, Clink went the nail on the knife.

Slowly, the Iron Man took three strides towards Hogarth, and again stopped. It was now quite dark and the headlamps shone red. Hogarth pressed close to the tree trunk. Between him and the Iron Man lay the wide lid of the trap.

Clink, Clink, Clink, again he tapped the nail on the knife. And now the Iron Man was coming. Hogarth could feel the earth shaking under the weight of his footsteps. Was it too late to run? Clink, Clink, Clink went the nail on the knife. And . . .

CRASH!!!

The Iron Man vanished. He was in the pit. The Iron Man had fallen into the pit.

- 1) Why do you think Hogarth is tapping the nail on the knife?
- 2) What speed is the Iron Man moving? Give two reasons why you know.
- 3) What does the sentence '*Hogarth pressed close to the tree trunk*' tell you about how he might be feeling?
- 4) Explain how heavy that Iron Man is, using evidence from the text.
- 5) What do you think Hogarth will do now?
- 6) Describe how you think the Iron Man would react to being trapped.
- 7) What do you think the farmers will do when they hear the news?
- 8) Why do you think the author keeps repeating the words '*Clink, Clink, Clink*'?