

## Comprehension activity

Hopefully you will remember this book from Class 4! We loved reading this book and the rich language that Ted Hughes uses.

The furious farmers began to shout. The Iron Man had stolen all their machinery. What would he take next time?

They would have to do something.

They couldn't call in the police or the Army, because nobody would believe them about this Iron Monster. They would have to do something for themselves. So, what did they do?

At the bottom of the hill, below where the Iron Man had come over the high cliff, they dug a deep, enormous hole. A hole wider than a house, and as deep as three trees one on top of the other. It was a colossal hole. A stupendous hole! And the sides of it were as sheer as walls.

1. Why are the farmers so worried?
2. What might the farmers think that the Iron Man could take next time?
3. Why will nobody believe them?
4. Find all the words that the author uses to describe how big the hole is.
5. Give an example of a simile from the text and explain why it is a good way of describing the thing.
6. What do you think 'as sheer as walls' means?
7. Why do you think that the farmers have dug a big hole? What are they planning?
8. Do you think their plan will be successful? Why?