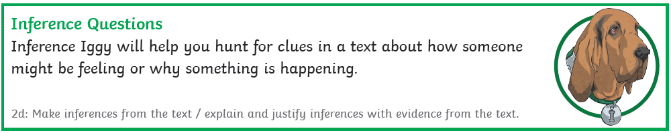
Poetry Comprehension

‘If all the world were paper’ by Joseph Coelho

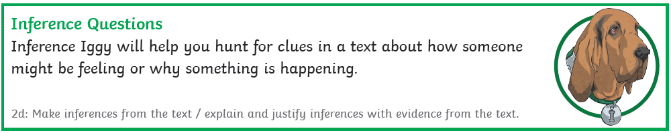
1. Tick why you think the character from the poem wants to wrap his sister in bubble wrap. Tick one answer.

Because she’s annoying \_\_\_\_

To keep her safe \_\_\_\_

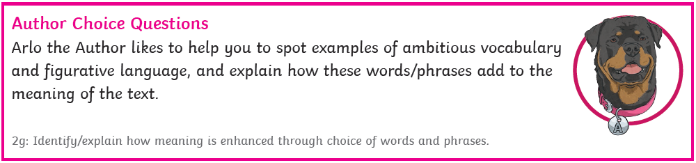
To keep her quiet \_\_\_\_

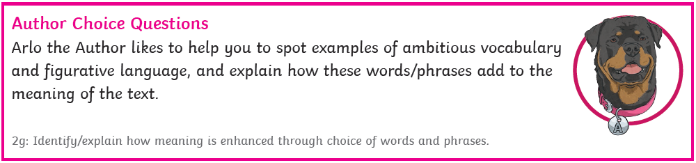
Because she’s cold \_\_\_\_



1. How do we know that the character likes their Gran?

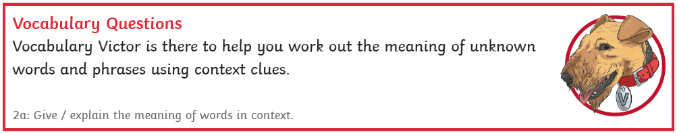
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1. Find three verbs from the first stanza that you can ‘do’ to paper.

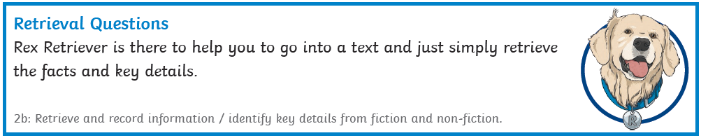


1. What homophone is used in the first stanza?
2. “and flush the harrowing chapters down an ink gurgling well.”

What does the word harrowing mean in this line of the poem? Circle the two most likely answers.



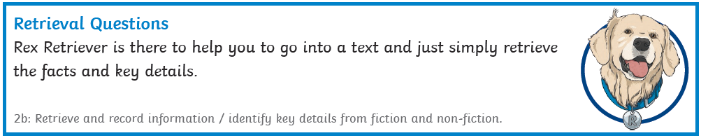
Happy Long Short Scary Distressing



1. What does the writer say he will do with the post-it notes?

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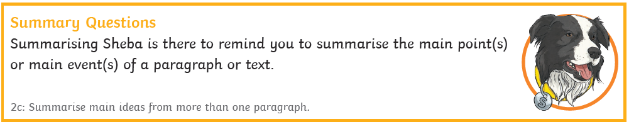
1. Complete these lines of the poem by filling in the gaps.



Christmas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ foil and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cards would follow you to school.

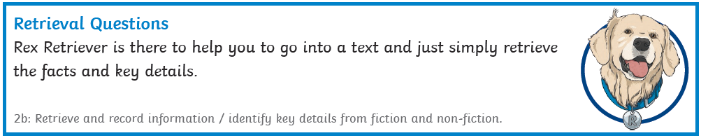
Nightmares would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be post-it notes.

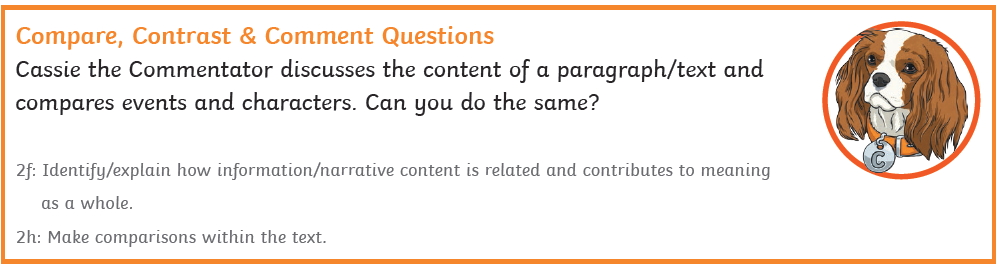
1. If the world was made of paper, how could we stop arguments before they get too big, according to the poet?

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1. If the world was made of paper, what could we do to our houses if we wanted to start all over again? Circle your answer.



rub it out cover it with cellotape Rip it away cover it with tipex

1. “I would place his younger days in a zoetrope”

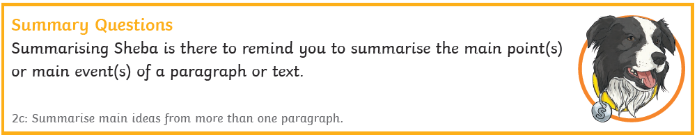
Why do you think the character from the poem wants to do this? Tick two likely answers.

So he can bring his grandfather’s stories alive \_\_\_\_\_

So he can sing along to songs \_\_\_\_\_

So he can remember his grandmother \_\_\_\_\_

So he can discover what his grandfather used to be like \_\_\_\_\_

1. Join the boxes to show what the character from the poem says they would do if the world was made of paper.

Dreams would be paper-clipped together

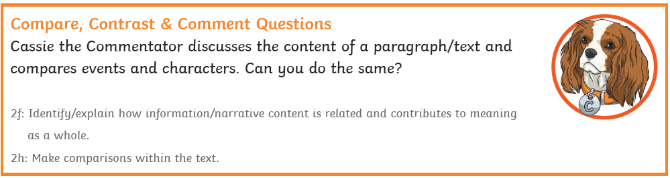
Families would follow you to school

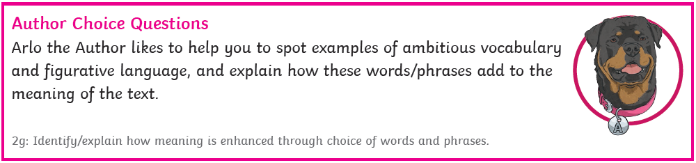
Kind deeds would be braille

Birthday cards would be post-it notes

1. What would you do if the world was made of paper? Use a conjunction in your answer to explain why.

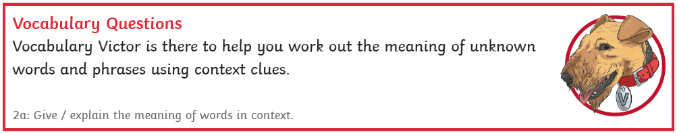
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1. Why does the poet write “nightmares would be shopping lists”?

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1. What does recycle mean? Tick one answer.

Build something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Re-use something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Steal something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

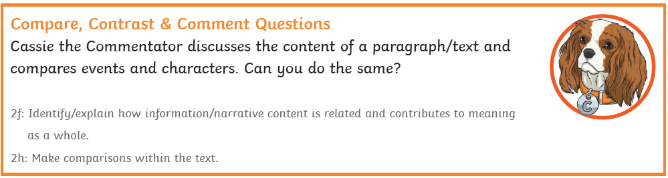
Hide something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What message do you think the poet is trying to send in the final stanza?

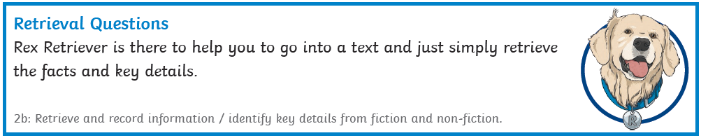
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1. What is the poet’s name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_