

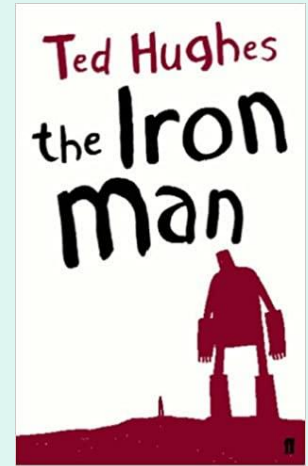
LO: To draft our own character description

Lets us look back at yesterday's Work. What similes did you use? Can you make any better?

e.g. Iron man's eyes glowed like emeralds.

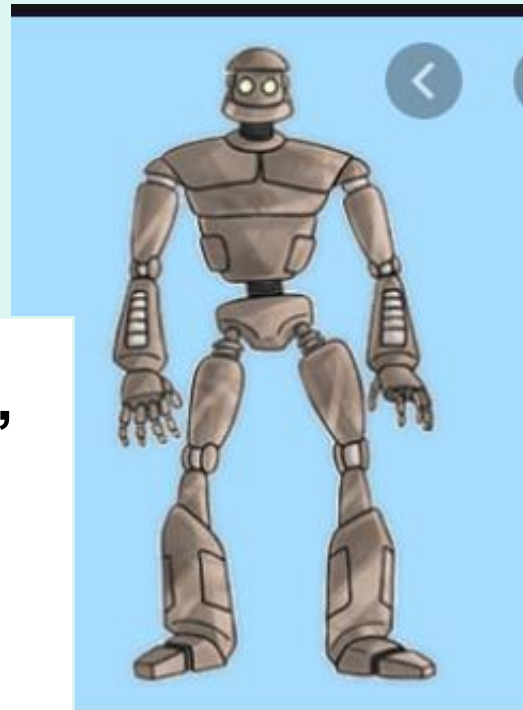
We could add an adjective.

Iron man's rounded eyes glowed like sparkling diamonds/emeralds.



Quick recap: What does your Iron man/woman look like?

- Head
- Ears
- Eyes
- Nose
- Mouth
- Arms
- Legs
- How tall?
- How wide?
- Does he have big muscles?



“iron Fingers” “great Iron head” “shapes like a dustbin”
“as big as a bedroom” “iron ears” “like headlamps”
“glowed red, then white”
“enormous iron foot” “iron legs”

We will be drafting a character description.

Success Criteria

- Use a range of similes
- Use descriptive phrases
- Use senses
- Describe the Iron Man

The Iron Man

Chapter 1

THE COMING OF THE IRON MAN

The opening chapter of the original book-

THE IRON MAN

By Ted Hughes © 1968

The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.

**How far had he walked?
Nobody knows.
Where had he come from? Nobody knows.**

Taller than a house, the Iron Man stood at the top of the cliff, on the very brink, in the darkness.





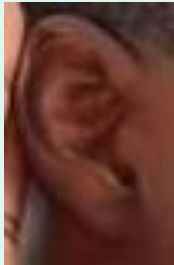
The wind sang through his iron fingers. His great iron head, shaped like a dustbin but as big as a bedroom, slowly turned to the right, slowly turned to the left. His iron ears turned, this way, that way. He was hearing the sea. His eyes, like headlamps, glowed white, then red, then infra-red, searching the sea. Never before had the Iron Man seen the sea.



**He swayed in the strong wind that pressed against his back.
He swayed forward, on the brink of the high cliff.**

**And his right foot, his enormous iron right foot, lifted-up,
out, into space, and the Iron Man stepped forward, off the
cliff, into nothingness.**

- How can you start writing a character description?
- You will need to include lots of descriptive vocabulary, complex sentences, make it interesting for the reader!



- You can use the first chapter descriptive language and sentences to help you write your own description.

Model

Once winter's day, on the edge of a mountain, stood Iron lady. She was **as brave as a warrior and as clever as a wizard**. She was even taller than a never ending tower. Stood still as a statue, she gazed amazed at the sea with her **eyes as bright as the sun**. She took one step gazing wondrously at the sea, as if she has never been there before. Suddenly, Iron lady lifted her left foot, then **boom! Boom!, crash! Crack!** Iron lady came tumbling down the cliff, she broke apart piece by piece by piece. Then when she reached the bottom...there was silence...



What has been used to make it effective?

Can you recognise any similes? Expanded noun phrases?

Senses? Rich and varied vocabulary? Fronted adverbials?

Onomatopoeia ? Senses?

Another model

the Iron man

The Iron Man's eyeballs were as big as two clocks from The Big Ben. Below his nailed eyebrows, his eyes glowed like diamonds in a shimmering cave. On top of the Iron Man's gargantuan legs, was his body that was as tall as two giraffes stacked on top of each other. His shiny chest lay below his dishin shaped head and was as clean as a polished plate. Near his enormous hands, the Iron Man has long arms so he can reach far away things or up high things. He has tall legs so whenever he needs to see something high he can go on his tip toes. The Iron Man's belly was really big like he had ~~not~~ ate lots of food but just enough fruit and vegetables to stay healthy.

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Check your character description against the
Success Criteria?

What was good about it?

Can you think of how they could make it even
better?