

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



Read the third chapter of *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. Now try to answer the following questions using page 33 (*At last they came to the town...*) to the end of page 34.

1. Where was the scrap metal yard?
2. How can you describe the iron in the scrap metal yard?
3. What did the Iron Man actually eat?
4. What colour are the Iron Man's eyes? When do they change colour and why?
5. What happened to the Iron Man when he was left in the scrap metal yard? Why do you think this happened?
6. Find an example of a simile and a metaphor in the passage. Are they effective? How do these descriptions aid the reader's imagination? Create a simile and a metaphor of your own based on the passage.
7. Was moving the Iron Man to the scrap yard a good idea? How does it help the farmers and the Iron Man?
8. Find words and phrases in the passage that describe scrap metal as if it is delicious food. What writing technique has been used?
9. Which verb is repeated at the end of the passage? Why does Ted Hughes repeat the same word?
10. Imagine a scrap metal yard and try to think of different junk items and words or phrases that could describe them as 'delicious food' for the Iron Man. Write a detailed paragraph using a range of similes and metaphors, considering your sentence openers.