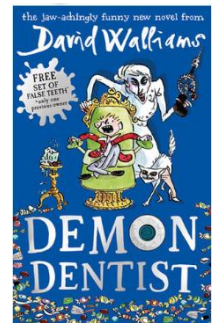
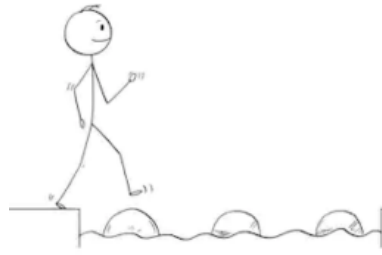


Year 4 Reading

Steppingstone activity

Date: Tuesday 1st June 2020

LO: To explain word meanings in context



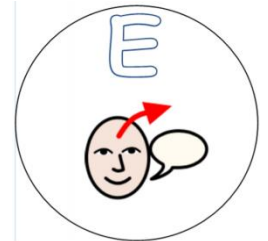
Task:

Share chapter 1 of 'Demon Dentist' with an older sibling or adult (The text is below the task).

I am going to give you 6 words from these pages. First decide which word class they are (Noun, verb, adjective) Then, you need to explain what they mean.

Tips:

- Read the sentence that the word is in. Try and work out what it means from its context.
- If you still do not know, check the meaning in a dictionary!



<u>Word and Page number</u>	<u>Word class</u> Noun? (People, place, thing) Adjective? (Describing word) Verb? (Action word)	<u>Definition (meaning)</u>
claimed		
wrench		
hefty		
forceps		
reinforcement		
distress		

Year 4 Reading

Main activity

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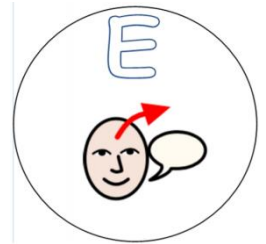
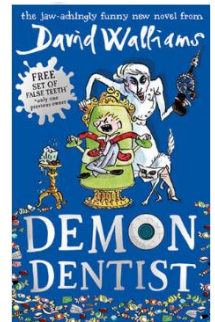
Task:

Read chapter 1 of 'Demon Dentist' (The text is below the task).

I am going to give you 10 words from these pages. First decide which word class they are (Noun, verb, adjective, adverb?) Then, you need to explain what they mean.

Tips:

- Read the sentence that the word is in. Try and work out what it means from its context.
- If you still do not know, check the meaning in a dictionary!



<u>Word and Page number</u>	<u>Word class</u> Noun? Verb? Adjective? Adverb?	<u>Definition (meaning)</u>
retired		
wrench		
enlist		
ballast		
ample		
reinforcement		
nevertheless		
profusely		
fragment		
ordeal		

Demon Dentist by David Walliams

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A Simple Case of Toothache



Alfie hated going to the dentist. As a result the boy's teeth were almost all yellow. The ones that weren't yellow were brown. They bore the stains of all the goodies that children love, but dentists hate. Sweets, fizzy drinks, chocolate. The teeth that were neither yellow nor brown simply weren't there any more. They had fallen out. One had bitten into a toffee and stayed there. Assorted fruit-flavoured chews had claimed others. This is what young Alfie looked like when he smiled...



That's because this twelve-year-old boy hadn't gone to the dentist since he was very little.

Alfie's last visit was when he was around six. It was a simple case of toothache, but it ended in disaster. The dentist was an ancient man, Mr Erstwhile. Despite his good intentions, Mr Erstwhile should have retired many years before. The dentist looked like a tortoise, an old tortoise at that. He wore glasses so thick they made his eyes appear to be the size of tennis balls. Mr Erstwhile told Alfie the tooth in question was rotten, a filling wouldn't save it and unfortunately he had no option but to take it out.



The dentist yanked and yanked and yanked with his huge steel forceps. But the tooth wouldn't come. Mr Erstwhile even rested his foot up on the chair by Alfie's head to lever himself against it to help wrench the wretched tooth out. Still it wouldn't come.



The ancient dentist then enlisted the help of his even older dental nurse. Miss Prig was instructed to hold on to him and tug as hard as she could. Even then the tooth wouldn't come.

Soon the hefty receptionist, Miss Veal, was asked to step into the room to help. Miss Veal weighed more than Mr Erstwhile and Miss Prig put together. But even with all her ballast, the tooth wouldn't come.

Just then the dentist had an idea, and ordered Miss Prig to fetch some particularly thick dental floss. He carefully tied the floss around the forceps, and then looped it around Miss Veal's ample frame. The dentist then instructed his rotund receptionist to leap out of the window on the count of three. But even with all of Miss Veal's immense weight yanking on the boy's tooth, it still wouldn't come.



With poor young Alfie still lying in terror on the dentist's chair, Mr Erstwhile stepped into his waiting room to request reinforcements. The growing crowd of patients waiting to be seen were all called upon to assist. Young and old, fat and thin, the elderly dentist needed all the help he could get.

Nevertheless, even with a lengthy human chain and an army of yankers*, the tooth stayed well and truly put.

*Made-up word **ALERT**

By this time poor little Alfie was in great distress. The pain of having his tooth pulled out was a hundred times worse than the toothache. However, Mr Erstwhile was determined to finish what he had started. Sweating profusely, the thirsty dentist took a large swig of mouthwash, and gripped on to the forceps as tightly as he could.



Finally, after what seemed like days, weeks, even months of yanking, Alfie heard a deafening...

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H H!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The dentist had gripped so hard he had crushed the tooth. It exploded into thousands of tiny fragments inside Alfie's mouth.

With the ordeal finally over, Mr Erstwhile and all his helpers were lying in a tangled heap on the surgery floor.