

# English 4

Suggested reading/ writing activities for children in Y3 and 4 based around our new book 'Ratburger' by David Walliams.



Click on this link : [Ratburger Part 4](#)

Listen up to 5:40 to the end of chapter 13 :

Chapter 13 – Burt's Burgers 0.00-5:40

## **Comprehension** -

- 1) What do you think the phrase 'relative safety' means? Can you describe it in another way?
- 2) Think about the Burt's description- Do you think you would buy a burger from Burt – if so, why and if not, why?
- 3) Why did Burt's teeth whistle?
- 4) When Zoe goes through her options, which one would you choose and why?
- 6) Raj screamed when he thought Zoe had a mouse, but when she told him she had a rat, he screamed even louder -why do you think this was ?

## Ratburger Part 4

### Chapter 14 'A Bogie on the Ceiling' 5:40- 9:36

#### *What do the words mean?*

★ Listen again to Chapter 14 of 'Ratburger '. All of the words below are in the chapter. See if you can work out what they mean and jot down your ideas here.

★ If you are stuck, there is a list of similar words below to help you. If you are still stuck, you could ask someone else in your home or use a dictionary or the internet.

Target Word	Definition that fits with the information text
clutching	
ingrained	
cautiously	
dinky	
squirmed	
reluctantly	

Similar Words Help Box **ground-in** **embedded**

**hold** **grab** **hanging on** **seizing**

**carefully** **vigilantly** **watchful** **shift** **twist** **wriggle**

**small** **minute** **cute** **tiny** **hesitant** **slow** **not eager**

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### Chapter 15 'Ten Tonne Truck ' 9.36 – 14.03

*Now for some grammar*

Let's practise some sentences that will help you to write like an author .

### **Word pictures using similes**

You probably know about similes. Similes are really useful when you write because they help the reader picture and get a better understanding of what you are writing about.

There are two types –

**like** and **as** for example:

It was as small **as** a grain of wheat.

His hands were **like** claws.

In this activity, you have to create new endings so that instead of as quiet as a mouse you think of something else really quiet, for example, 'as quiet as a thief's whisper in a library'

Can you make up new similes by completing the following:

As loud as

As red as

As large as

As small as

As tall as

As blue as

As soft as

As tough as



Describe Armitage using similes 'as'

Describe Zoe using 'like'

Describe Raj using similes

Describe Burt using similes

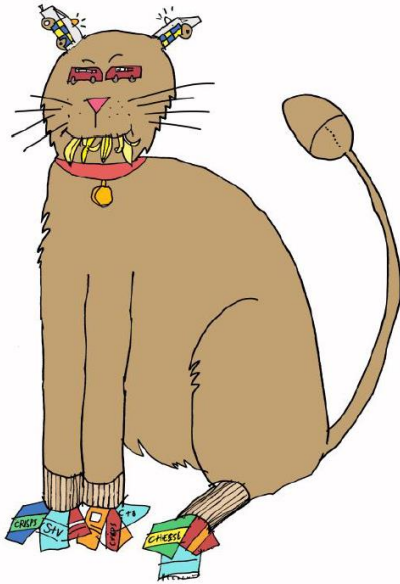
Describe yourself using similes !

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### Chapter 16 'The Blackberry Bush' ' 14:04 – end

Lets have some fun by inventing a list of new, crazy similes. They don't have to make sense as you are just playing with the idea. Choose an animal that you like and describe it using invented and silly similes.

You could describe your animal s eyes, ears, tail, paws, claws and teeth.



My crazy cat has eyes like red buses,  
Ears like police cars,  
A tail like a computer mouse,  
Paws like telegraph poles,  
Claws like crisp packets  
And teeth like rotten bananas.

Now try writing exactly the same poem but use similes that seem to work, for example:

My cat has  
eyes like emeralds,  
ears like velvet corners,  
a tail like a furry cable,  
paws like small cushions,  
claws like fishing hooks  
and teeth like a necklace  
of white needles.

Now you try your own - try a 'crazy' one , then one which works .

# Free write Friday!

Using the image on Pobble365 here [The Invasion](#)



Using the image , for 'Free write Friday ' you can write anything you like !

It could be :

- A newspaper report
- A diary
- A cartoon strip
- A set of instructions
- A poem
- A persuasive argument
- A story

(Here is a story starter if you choose to do a story )

I stand on the edge of my lands, grasping my spear firmly in my steady hands. A determined grimace spreads across my face. This is the moment we had all feared. All feared, but never dared to take seriously. Well, now we would have to take it seriously. We would have to take them seriously.

They had arrived...