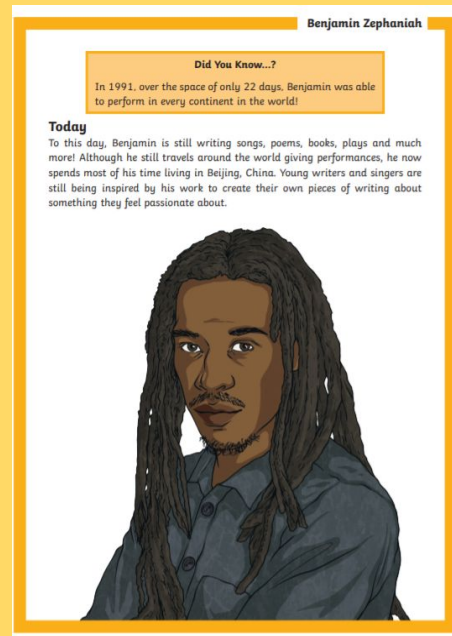


Monday 1st March 2021

L.O: To summarise the main points in a text.

This week's text: Benjamin Zephaniah



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Our text this week is a biography of Benjamin Zephaniah. As you know, a biography is a story of a person's life written by someone else.

You should recognise Benjamin Zephaniah as one of the authors our school houses are named after.

Zephaniah is also known as the yellow team.

Let's find out some more information about him!



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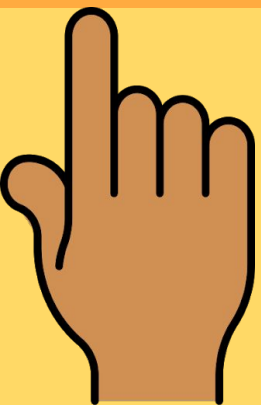
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Steps to success

- To read and understand the text.
- To make sure my sentences are shorter than the text.
- Use my own words
- Include the main ideas from the text.

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Discuss:

What organisational devices are used in this text?


To support your ideas...

Look closely at how the text is laid out.

What is similar/different to last week's text?


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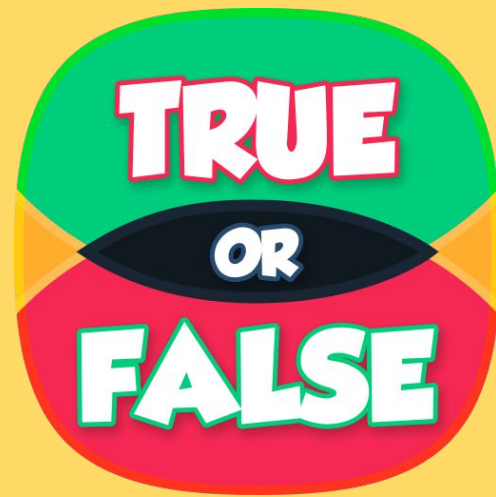
Main ideas only



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- D) Benjamin has written about racism before.
- E) Talking Turkeys sold out in 10 weeks.
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- G) Benjamin lives in China.



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TASK TWO:
Ordering points

Place the points of the text in chronological order.

You can do this by re-writing the points or numbering them 1-4.

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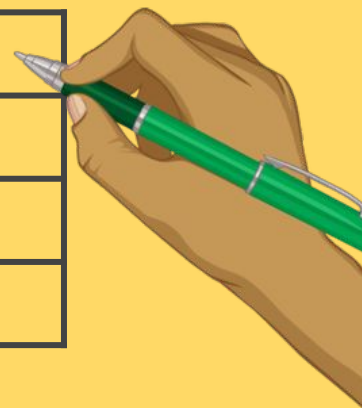
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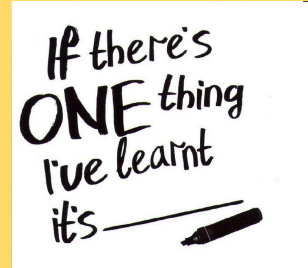
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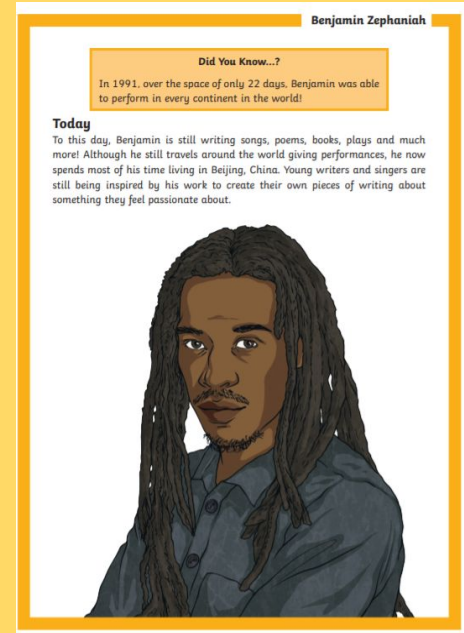
Has the layout of the text supported your understanding?



Tuesday 2nd March 2021

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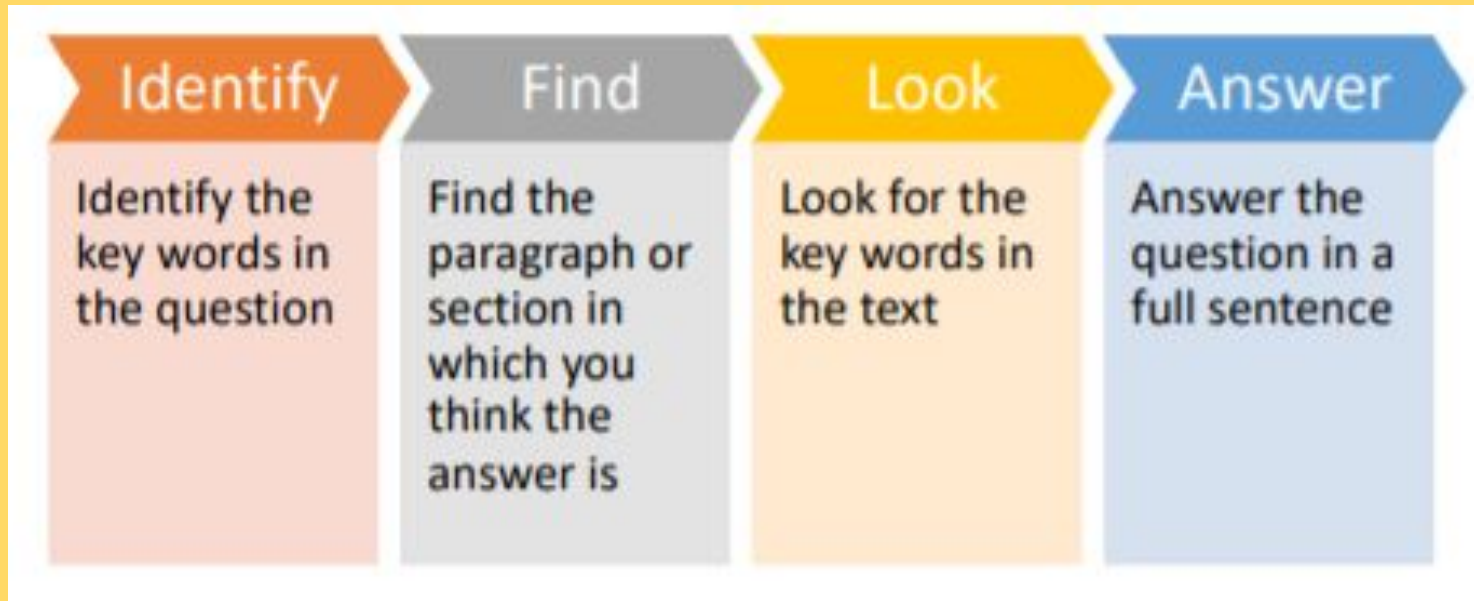


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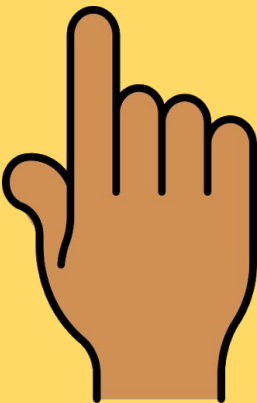
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Let's remind ourselves of the steps we need to take to understand the meaning of words.



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I have found the word/my focus sentence in the text.

The first half of the sentence refers to Benjamin's schooling and the second half states he found it difficult to read and write.

I know we learn to read and write at school.

I'm told Benjamin 'initially' found this hard.

Therefore, I conclude the word 'initially' means at first.

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Remember to skip a line after each so we can green pen edit our ideas!

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- 3) What does it mean to make something accessible?
- 4) What might a demonstration be?
- 5) What is dub poetry?

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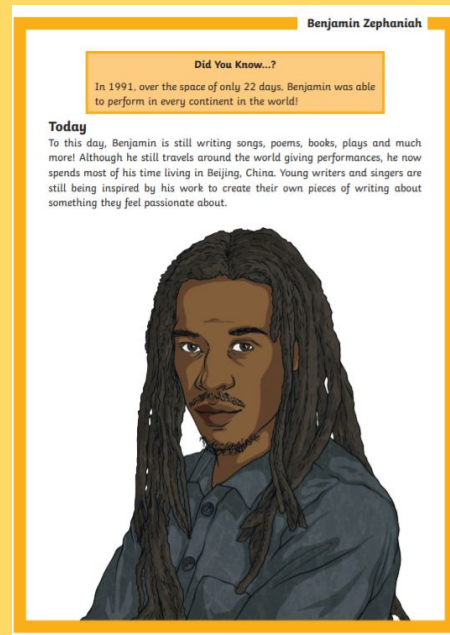
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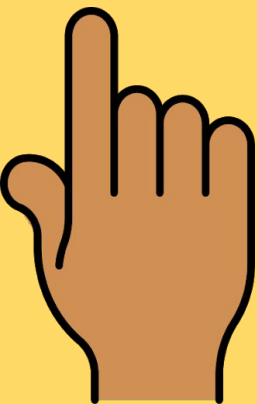
The strategies I will need to use are....

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Steps to success

- Read the text carefully.
- Identify key words in the question.
- Look for the key words in the text.
- Answer with appropriate information using a full sentence.

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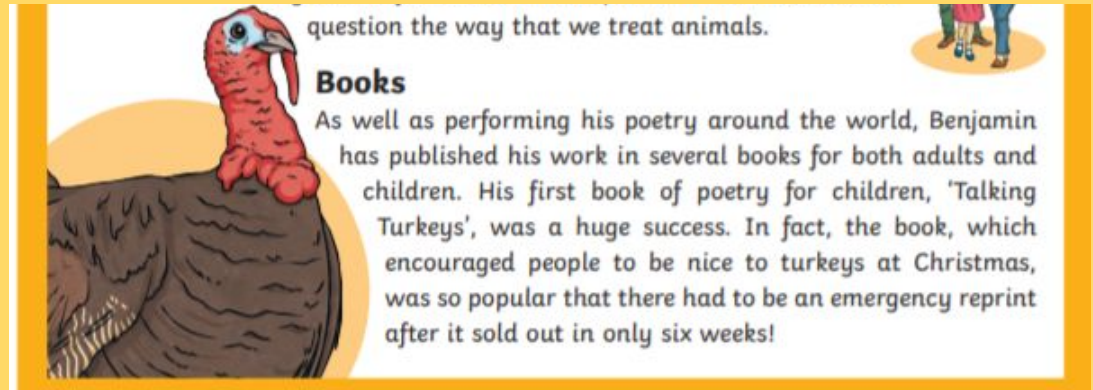
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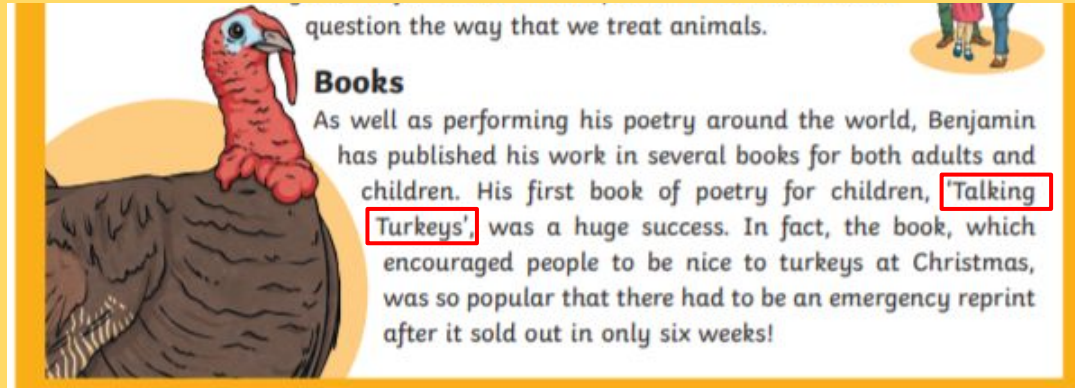
1) Why did Benjamin want to write Talking Turkeys?

They key words in the question are 'Talking Turkeys'.

I have found the key words in the text.

I am told Talking Turkeys is the name of a book written by Benjamin. The second half of the sentence reveals the purpose of the book; to encourage people to be nice to Turkeys at Christmas.

Therefore, Benjamin wanted to write Talking Turkeys to encourage people to be nice to Turkeys at christmas time.



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Main task:

- 2) Why did Benjamin begin writing poetry?
- 3) In the paragraph titled 'poems' what word is used as a synonym for 'available'?
- 4) What does a performer do when performing dub poetry?
- 5) When did Benjamin perform outside police stations?
- 6) What is Benjamin still doing today?

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Sharing answers- Main task

- 2) Benjamin began writing poetry for everyone to enjoy.
- 3) The word 'accessible' is used as a synonym for 'available'.
- 4) When performing dub poetry, a performer must change the speed and pitch of the poem to make it sound like a musical instrument.
- 5) Benjamin performed outside of police stations in the early 1980s
- 6) Today Benjamin continues to write poems, books, plays, songs and other things.



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Reflection

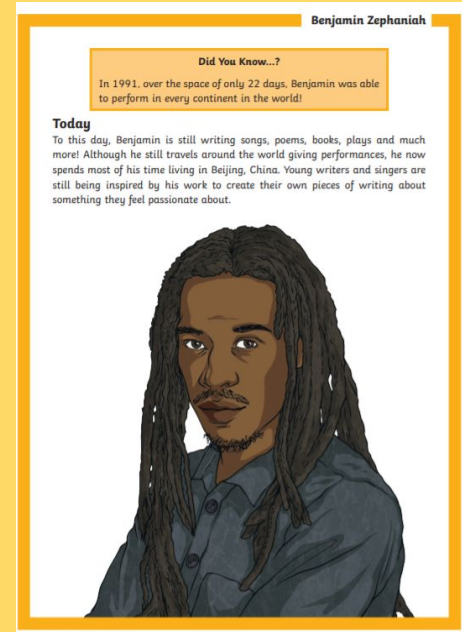
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Thursday 4th March 2021

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Have a go:

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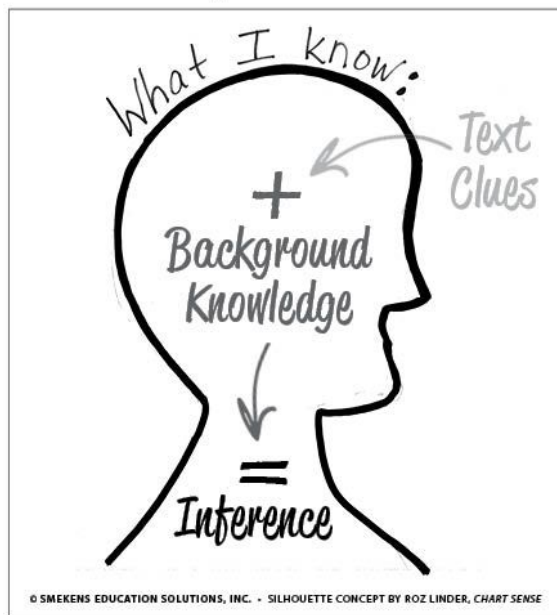
Can you come up with 5 bullet points?



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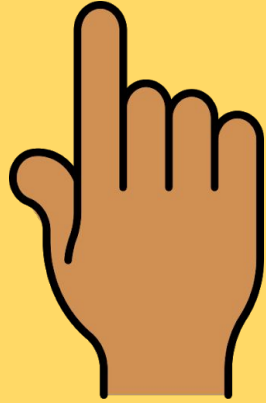
Steps to success

5 Steps to Make an Inference



1. Read/View the text.
2. Read the question.
3. List relevant details.
4. Put details together.
5. Determine what they mean.

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True or false...

Benjamin made important decisions at a young age.
Explain your reasons.

Key words/phrases in the sentence:
Decisions and young age.

Scan the text for sentences that make
reference to decisions and age.

What information are you given from the
sentences?

Is the statement true or false?
How do you know?

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This statement is true. I know this because in the text it states that Benjamin left school aged 13 and moved to a new city at the age of 22. These are both important decisions that Benjamin made at young ages.

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- 2) How could being in London help Benjamin's career?
- 3) Why is poetry a good way to express views and concerns?
- 4) Benjamin is a vegetarian. Why do you think this is?
- 5) How might others be inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah?

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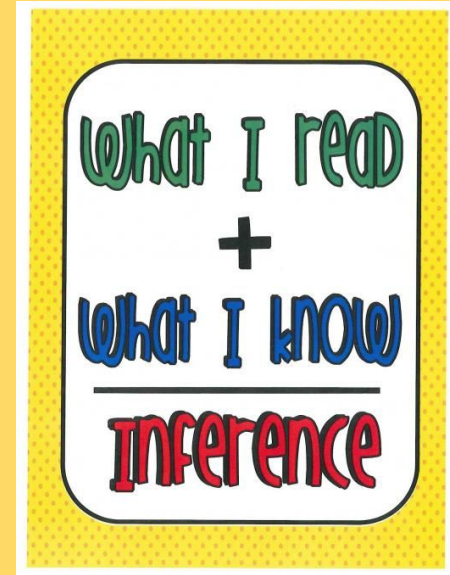
Sharing Example Answers- Main Task

- 2) As London has more people, Benjamin would have increased opportunities to perform his work.
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- 4) I think Benjamin is a vegetarian as he supports animal rights and writes about treating animals with care.
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Self - assessment: Reflection

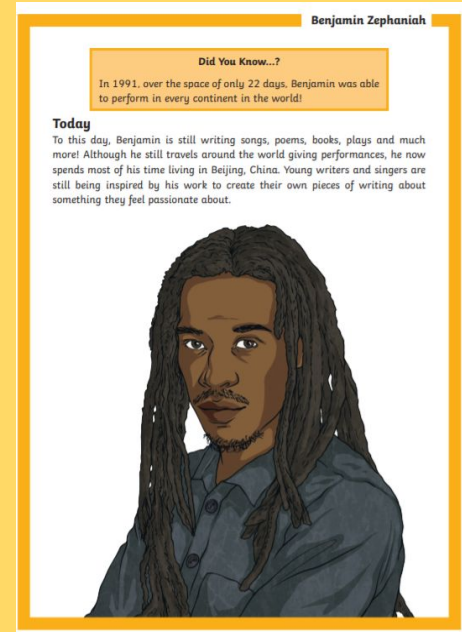
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**Write a sentence
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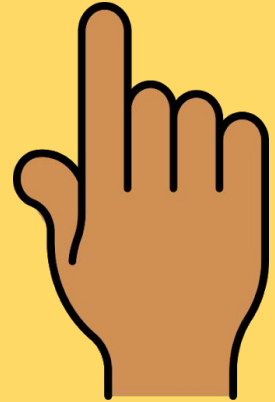
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- To use evidence from the text to support my ideas.
- To use my own personal experiences.
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Books

As well as performing his poetry around the world, Benjamin has published his work in several books for both adults and children. His first book of poetry for children, 'Talking Turkeys', was a huge success. In fact, the book, which encouraged people to be nice to turkeys at Christmas, was so popular that there had to be an emergency reprint after it sold out in only six weeks!



Benjamin Zephaniah

Did You Know...?

In 1991, over the space of only 22 days, Benjamin was able to perform in every continent in the world!

Today

To this day, Benjamin is still writing songs, poems, books, plays and much more! Although he still travels around the world giving performances, he now spends most of his time living in Beijing, China. Young writers and singers are still being inspired by his work to create their own pieces of writing about something they feel passionate about.



L.O: To formulate and express views based on a text.

MAIN TASK

- 1) Benjamin writes his poems about topics he has strong beliefs about. If you had to write a poem about something you strongly believe in, what would your poem be about? Explain your answer.
- 2) Why do you think Benjamin has had a long and successful career?
- 3) Benjamin still writes and performs today. What could his most recent work be about? Explain your answer.
- 4) Imagine you are going to meet Benjamin tomorrow. Write down one question you would like to ask him and why.

Self - assessment: Reflection

How does this biography compare to others you've read previously?