

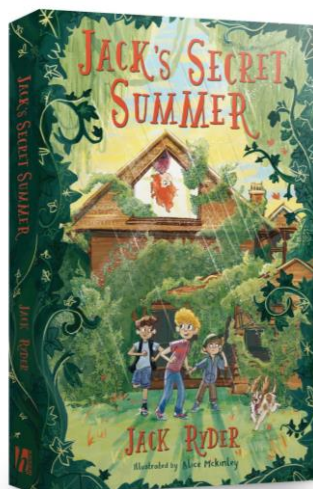
Jack's Secret Summer

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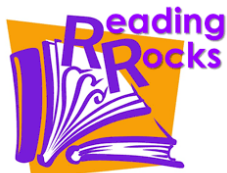
Join the Secret Summer Gang on an unforgettable magical adventure!

Jack is dreading spending the summer holidays by himself, but when his boisterous neighbours decide to pull him into an adventure and explore the old ivy-covered house on the hill, Jack's life will never be the same again...

This heartfelt adventure is perfect for fans of Roald Dahl and Famous Five aged 7+. These resources are linked to the KS2 curriculum.



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Activity 1: What's in a name?

Extract from p9-10

“Jack’s mum wasn’t around any more. She had left when Jack was only three years old. So Jack lived alone with his dad, Mr Broom. But Mr Broom worked hard, all day and much of the night, so Jack didn’t get to see much of him either.

Mr Broom worked at the Retirement Home for Old Animals.

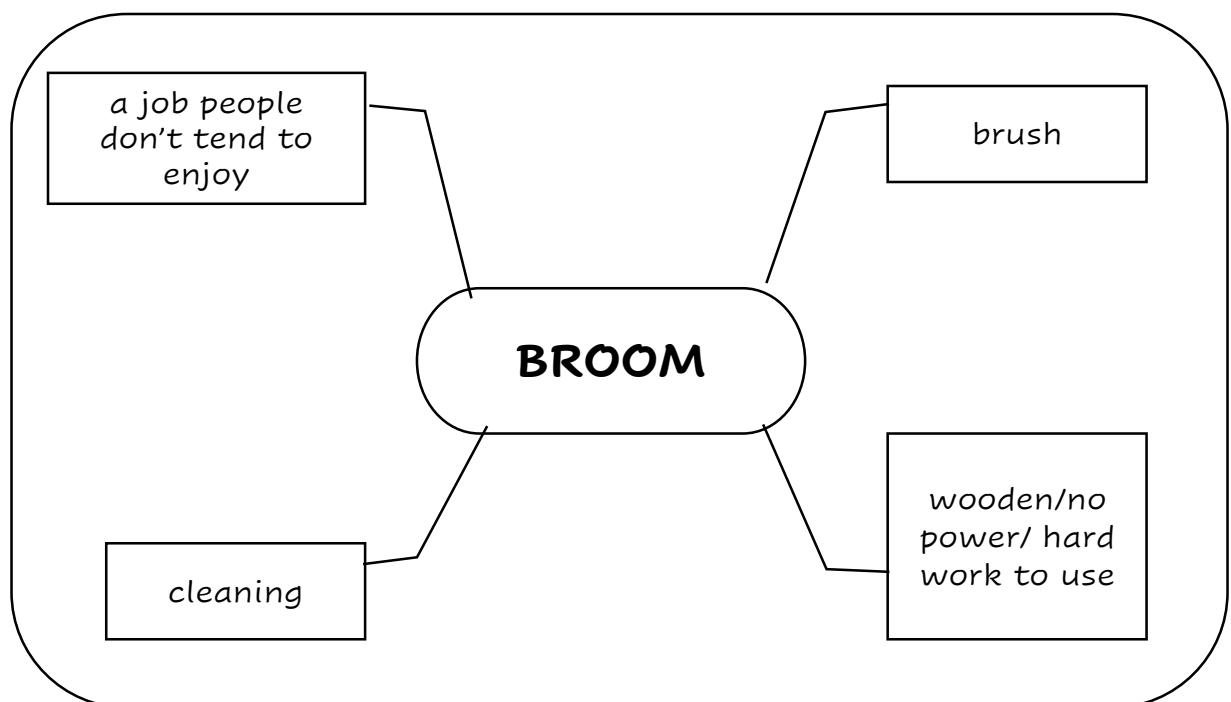
Exotic creatures were sent from all over the world to spend their final years at the animal home and it was Mr Broom’s job to take care of them.

Mr Broom loved the animals, but it wasn’t the animals that were the problem. The problem was Mr Broom’s boss, Mr Nettles.

Mr Nettles was the grumpiest boss in the whole world. He detested his workers and made them stay late every night, the whole year round, and even on weekends.”

An author often suggests to the reader clues about a character. As a reader, you are using the skill of INFERENCE. You take the clue in the book and link it to things you know about that word or phrase already.

Take Mr.Broom. The name given is the clue word. As I read, I link that with my knowledge of the word BROOM.



So, what does this make me think about Mr. Broom?

My brain is **INFERRING** that he works hard
and is made to do all the jobs no one
wants to do.

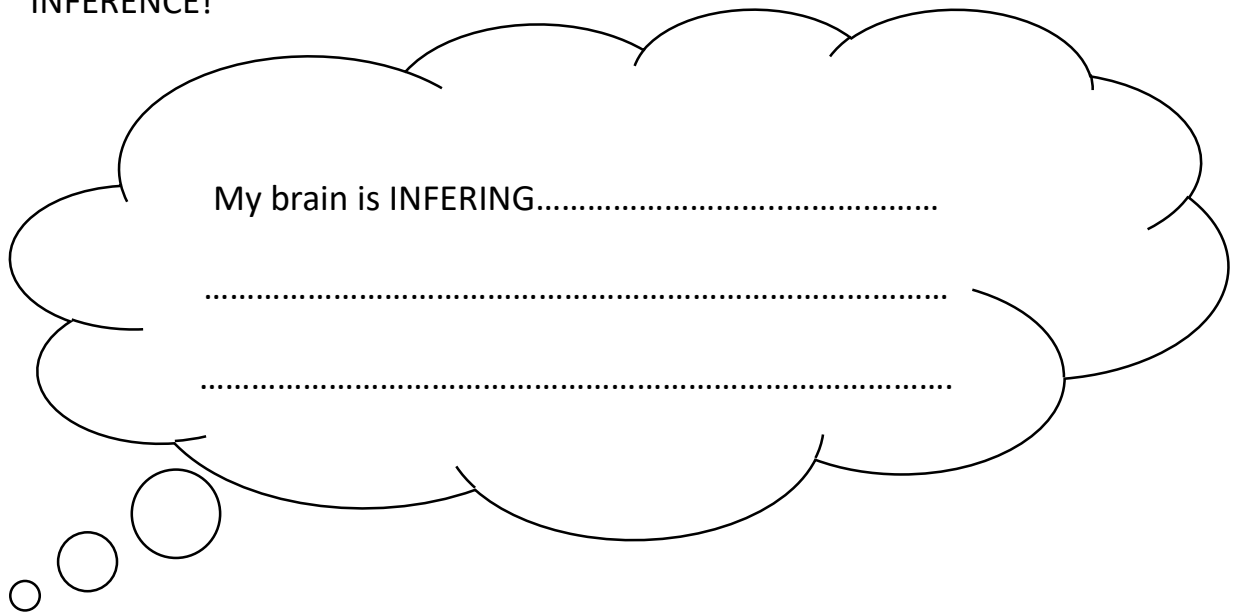


Now, you have a go using Mr. Nettles.

Jot everything that you think of when you think about nettles:

NETTLES

So, what does this suggest to you about the character? Use your superpower of INFERENCE!



Things to note about inference and character names:

- Author's don't do this for every character
- Sometimes the author chooses a name with the opposite suggestions for the character. this gives the reader a big surprise. This is an author choice for impact.
- A character can change throughout the story

Next, you have a go at making the author choices:

Can you think of other names that would suit Mr Broom and Mr Nettles, that still suggest the same characteristics?

Mr Broom	
Mr Nettles	

Think about the characters in the story you may be writing at the moment. Can you think of a name that would suggest their personality, their traits and characteristics?

<u>What is the character like?</u>	<u>Things that remind me of those characteristics:</u>	<u>Chosen name:</u>

