

## The Ascent of Vinicombe

He took his bag off his back and strapped it to his chest. I think this is the start of an adventure, he declared, and so it was. With great care we roped ourselves together, then slowly, cautiously, we fought our way up the ice-cliff, He led, of course, shouting warnings and encouragement as he sprang from boulder to boulder, dodging avalanches. It was hard going. There was no shelter from the bitter wind and only one lamppost strong enough to bear our weight. We paused a moment then pressed on, any delay was dangerous. Without warning the pavement would split, opening horrid pits, crevasses crammed with writhing snakes or hairy mammoths. Despite it all, we struggled upwards, risking a traverse of the slippery railings, until we hauled each other, wild-eyed and wind-beaten, across the glacier of Kersland Street. It was then that, with amazing speed, he slipped his coat off and hung it cape-like from his head, announced his possession of super-powers and flew, arms outstretched, up the lane towards his school.

	I've never heard this word before	I've heard this word before and think I think what it means	I know what this word means and can use it confidently
ascent			
declared			
cautiously			
avalanches			
crevasses			
traverse			
announced			
possession			

Task:

Green column words: Write another sentence using that word.

Red column words: Copy the sentence from the text and annotate what is happening in the sentence and what gives you clues to what the word might mean.

Orange column words: Have a go at writing it in a sentence, if you can't think of a sentence to use the word properly, do the same as the red column word.

Date:	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Text:	<b>'Space Oddity' by David Bowie</b>
Day:	3 Retrieve, Interpret
Learning Objective 	I can answer questions based on a text

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Success Criteria 	I can use words from the question to start my answer	
	I can retrieve information directly from the text	
	I can refer to the text to justify my opinion	



**R:**

- How far does Major Tom travel?
- Who has Major Tom left behind?
- Order the events in the song (2 marks)

Ground control tell him to leave the spaceship	
There is a problem	
Ground control tell him how to prepare for the mission	
Ground control lose contact with Major Tom	
Major Tom goes out into space	

**I:**

- Who is Major Tom? Give 2 pieces of evidence. (2 marks)
- Which phrase tells us that Ground Control wished him luck? (1 mark)
- Does Major Tom like it in space? Give reasons for your opinion. (2 marks)

Date:	
Text:	<b>'Space Oddity' by David Bowie</b>
Day:	5 Interpret, Choice
Learning Objective 	I can answer questions based on a text

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Success Criteria 	I can use words from the question to start my answer	
	I know choice questions are about the writers choices	
	I can refer to the text to justify my thoughts	



**I:**

1. In verse 3, what does 'made the grade' mean? (1 mark)
2. Why do the papers want to know what shirt he wears? (1 mark)

**C:**

1. Why has the artist included a countdown in the second verse? (1 mark)
2. Why is Major Tom's spaceship described as a 'tin can'? (1 mark)
3. Why does the artist repeat the lines "Can you hear me, Major Tom?"? What effect does this have on the reader? (2 marks)

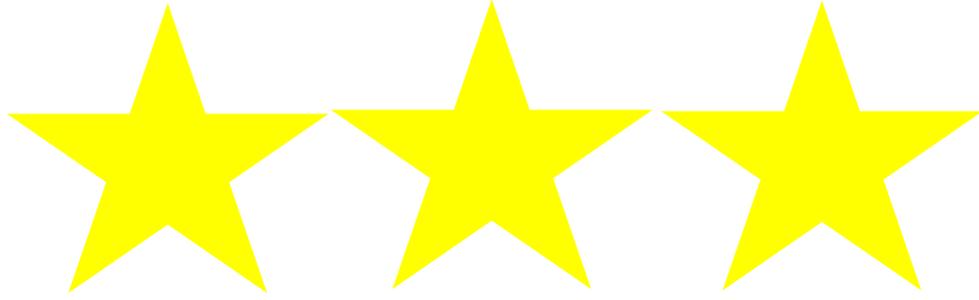




What words can you find using the letters below? Write them in a sentence or write their definition in the table.

E	E	P
L	C	T
S	E	O

Letters in the word	Word	Definition or in a sentence
3		
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