

AE2

Why does Hogarth feel strange at the beginning of chapter 2?

Hogarth feels strange because he feels like he is being watched and that he is not alone.

AE3

Hogarth's father believes him immediately. Why do you think this is?

Perhaps Hogarth's father believes him because the Iron Giant has been there before and his father may have seen him.

AE4

Ted Hughes uses various 'clues' to show the Iron Man has visited. Can you find any of these clues? What effect do these clues have on the farmers?

"The tractor had been bitten off – there were big teeth-marks in the steel"

Clues like this made the farmers feel nervous and afraid.

AE5

When he describes the trap, Hughes uses a mixture of short and long sentences. What effect does this have?

The long sentences help the reader to visualise the hole and the short sentences create a sense of tension and excitement within the reader.

AE6/7

Ted Hughes was a poet as well as a storyteller. Can you find any evidence of 'poetic' vocabulary choices, e.g 'his eyes burned from red to purple'.

Ted Hughes uses onomatopoeia, e.g 'Clink, clink, clink' and similes e.g "like a big lorry grinding its gears on a steep hill".