

AE2

'There was no time to be wasted.' Can you explain why?

They had to act quickly as they were running out of time. The space-bat-angel-dragon had only given them a week to prepare a feast.

AE3

Why does the space-bat-angel-dragon laugh when the Iron Man challenges him to a test of strength?

He laughs because the Iron Man is so much smaller than him and does not seem like a threat to him.

AE4

The book is organised into five named chapters. Look at the title of each. Do these help to structure the story?

Yes because they outline the main points.

AE5

The Iron Man and the space-bat-angel-dragon talk to each other a great deal towards the end. Why do you think there is so much talking?

They are talking so much because they are challenging each other.

AE6

What message do you think Ted Hughes is trying to send to his readers about fighting and war? How does he use his characters to do this?

Bravery and courage will help win a war even against a larger enemy.

If people feel happy and relaxed, they are less likely to fight.

AE7

Have you read any other stories or poems that teach you that talking is a better way to sort out your problems than fighting?

(Personal response)