



VIPERS – *The Iron Man* Chapter 3 Extract

Vocabulary: 


*Never before had the Iron Man eaten such **delicacies**.*

Look at the word **delicacies**. Which of the following words are synonyms (similar words)?


treats luxuries horrors specialities

Infer: 

Find 2 examples of the Iron Man’s appearance or body language that shows he is now happy and relaxed.

Predict: 


List 3 other items that the Iron Man might eat at a scrap metal yard.

Explain: 


And he ate, ate, ate, ate – endlessly.

In the last sentence, Ted Hughes, the author, repeats the same verb four times. Why did he choose to do this? What is he trying to suggest?

I think Ted Hughes repeated the same verb four times because...

Retrieve: 

1. What did the Iron Man chew like a toffee?
2. What colour were the Iron Man’s eyes at the beginning of the extract?
3. How often did Hogarth visit the Iron Man?
4. What is the Iron Man’s gleaming body compared to?

Sequence: 

Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened in the extract? The first one has been done for you. Re-read the text to help you.

The farmers went back to their farms.	
The Iron Man ate a double-decker bedstead.	
At last they came to town.	1
The Iron Man kneeled down in the scrap yard.	
A big truck turned into the yard.	