



VIPERS – *The Iron Man* Chapter 3 Extract **ANSWERS**

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.


Any 2 of the following:

1. He stretched out on one elbow to eat/enjoy all the scrap metal.
2. His eyes crackled with joy.
3. The Iron Man’s eyes were a constantly happy blue/his body gleamed blue.

Predict: 

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


Any other metal items not already listed e.g. old ladders, old buckets, old cogs etc

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... he wanted to show that all the Iron Man is doing all day is eating – by repeating the word ate he is also suggesting that he is eating a lot, because he is so big.

Retrieve: 

1. What did the Iron Man chew like a toffee? **A greasy black stove.**
2. What colour were the Iron Man’s eyes at the beginning of the extract? **Red.**
3. How often did Hogarth visit the Iron Man? **Every few days.**
4. What is the Iron Man’s gleaming body compared to? **A new gun barrel.**

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.	5
The Iron Man ate a double-decker bedstead.	3
At last they came to town.	1
The Iron Man kneeled down in the scrap yard.	2
A big truck turned in the yard.	4