

This half term  
we will be  
reading 'The  
Pharaoh's  
Charioteer'.



How are you  
feeling about  
our target for  
the half term?





Has reading  
the text aloud,  
with me and  
more than once  
improved your  
fluency?





1. Reread the chapter if you need to.

Today, you will be demonstrating your understanding of the text to explain the meaning of unfamiliar words.





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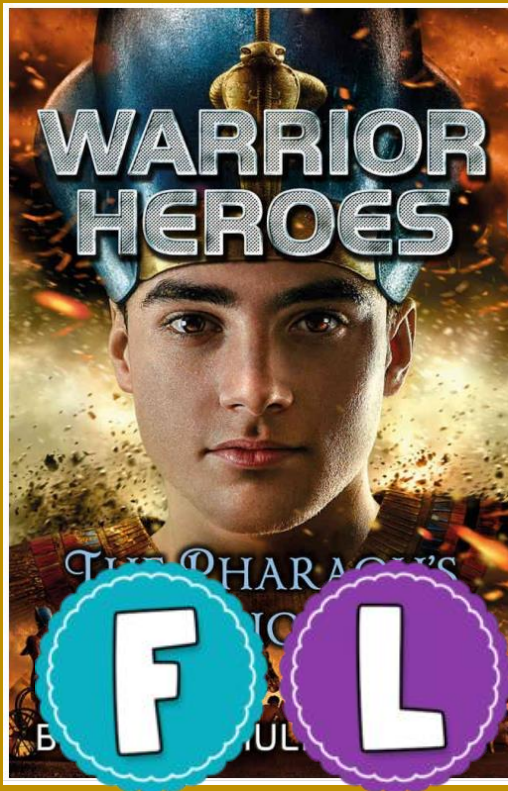
2. Demonstrate your understanding  
by answering some questions

Then, impress  
me by  
answering the  
questions for  
today's lesson.



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**Remember**, the more familiar we become with a text, the better our understanding becomes and the more fluent we are.



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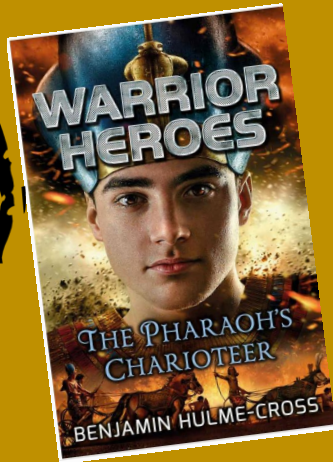
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## 1. Reread the chapter



Today, you may need to return to parts of the chapter and **read around some words** to interpret their meaning after your reading this week.

2. Demonstrate your understanding by answering some questions



1. Look at page 5 from the online text.

*"No matter how often it happened, they were always **awestruck** when they met one of the ghost-warriors"*

What does the word **awestruck** in this sentence mean?

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1 mark



Unless you are familiar with the word, you will need to read around the text, finding clues and using what you know to make sensible guess!

“Hang on a minute,” said Finn. “I think we’re about to find out!” Sure enough, the air in the Professor’s study seemed to grow colder, and it felt charged with something like static electricity. The boys shivered in anticipation as they heard light footsteps approaching along the corridor. No matter how often it happened, they were always awestruck when they met one of the ghost-warriors.



Reading around the word, I get a feeling that the boys are still surprised when a hero visits so I think the word means ...

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*"No matter how often it happened, they were always **awestruck** when they met one of the ghost-warriors"*

What does the word **awestruck** in this sentence mean?

Filled with amazement

1 mark

**Awestruck means...**

**A feeling of respect, wonder and surprise  
by something or someone.**

1. Using the online text, look at page 4.

**Find and copy** a group of words that suggest Finn admired his great Grandfather.

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1 mark

2. Find this quote on page 5 using the online version, "*The boys shivered with **anticipation** as they heard light footsteps approaching along the corridor.*"

In this sentence, the word **anticipation** is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

Nervous

☐

Shocked

☐

Excited

☐

Scared

☐

1 mark

Go to page 4 of the online text and find the words that are used to suggest that Finn is excited by the Professor's stories.

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1 mark

3. On page 5, find the quote, "*The thing about the Egyptians was that they were **lucky enough** to live in an **incredibly fertile** land.*"

What does the word **fertile** mean in this sentence?

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1 mark

4. Look at page 7 from the online text.

**Find and copy** a word that means the same as **getting faster**.

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1 mark

**Challenge** make a note of any other unfamiliar words that you have come across. Can you use what you know and read around the text to work out what they mean?

Now use  
everything you  
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lesson



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**“Adored his great grandfather” or “follow in his footsteps”**

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3. Go to page 4 of the online text and find the words that are used to suggest that Finn is excited by the Professor's stories.

**Finn's ears pricked up**

1 mark

4. On page 5, find the quote, “*The thing about the Egyptians was that they were lucky enough to live in an incredibly fertile land.*”

What does the word **fertile** mean in this sentence?

**Able to grow things, good condition, healthy**

1 mark

5. Look at page 7 from the online text.

**Find and copy** a word that means the same as **getting faster**.

**Accelerating**

1 mark

**Challenge** make a note of any other unfamiliar words that you have come across. Can you use what you know and read around the text to work out what they mean?

Mark your work  
using the  
answer sheet  
and give  
yourself a score  
out of **5!**



**Interpret**

# CHALLENGE

**Find a different word that you do not know and use your knowledge and understanding to work out what it might mean.**

**Check your guess using a dictionary.**