

# Section 1

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**Read** > Chapter 1





## Vocabulary

Write in the number of the correct definition for each word. Use a dictionary if you need help.

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| _____ brink    | 1. to look very carefully at something that is hard to see           |
| _____ glee     | 2. the very edge of something  |
| _____ infrared | 3. to move back and forth  |
| _____ peer     | 4. joyful or animated delight  |
| _____ sway     | 5. the upper part of the human body, not including the arms and head |
| _____ torso    | 6. a type of invisible radiation                                     |

Fill in each blank with the best word from the vocabulary list above.

1. The brave knight had to \_\_\_\_\_ into the mouth of the dark cave in search of the dragon.
2. If you walk right to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cliff the view is wonderful, but you might fall over.
3. Listening to music makes me want to \_\_\_\_\_ to the rhythm.
4. The remote control emits an \_\_\_\_\_ beam that operates the TV.
5. After falling during the earthquake, the sculptor's masterpiece was reduced to nothing but a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. All of the children shouted with \_\_\_\_\_ on the last day of school.

## Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions using complete sentences. You may refer to both the book and your journal notes.

1. Where had the Iron Giant come from?

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2. How does the author use personification to describe the wind? *(see page 1.5 for definition of personification)*

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3. What similes does the author use in describing the Iron Giant's head? *(see page 1.5 for definition of simile)*

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4. What happened to the Iron Giant while he was gazing at the sea?

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5. How does the author use personification to describe the sea?

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6. Who knew the Iron Giant had fallen?

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7. What did the hands and eyes set out to do?

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**Comprehension Questions** (continued)

8. What color are the Iron Giant's eyes?

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9. What time of day is it when the Iron Giant goes looking for his lost ear?

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10. What is the Iron Giant hoping to find as he walks out to sea?

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## Discussion Questions

Think about and discuss the following questions.

1. Where do you think the Iron Giant might have come from? Read your paragraphs aloud.
2. Why do you think the Iron Giant came?
3. If you were the Iron Giant and only one part of your body was left after an accident, which part would you want it to be? Why? Which part of the body do you think is the most important? Why?
4. What would you do if you found giant robot parts lying around?
5. Read and discuss the following passage from the story:

*“While the stars went on wheeling through the sky and the wind went on tugging at the grass on the cliff top and the sea went on boiling and booming. Nobody knew the Iron Giant had fallen.”*

What do you find interesting about this sentence? How is it like poetry?

6. What other passages can you find in this section that use these devices:
  - **personification** - *giving human qualities to animals or objects*
  - **metaphor** - *comparison of two unlike things using the verb “to be”*
  - **simile** - *comparison of two unlike things using “like” or “as”*