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LO: Short sentences for effect

So far we have looked at adding detail to our sentences to make them more interesting to read and create better description. However, we shouldn't always use long sentences as too much can have the opposite effect. We need to vary our length of sentence. We use simple sentences for effect.

For example:

Hogarth shivered. The Iron smiled.

Ted Hughes uses simple sentences for effect very well.

The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff.

How far had he walked? Nobody knows.

Where did he come from? Nobody knows.

How was he made? Nobody knows.

What effect does this have to the reader?

To make our writing interesting we need a mix of simple and complex/compound sentences.

Task 1

The Iron Man has just arrived at the scrapyard. Write 5 simple sentences for effect below, that express how the Iron Man or Hogarth is feeling. For example:

The Iron Man smiled.

Hogarth waited nervously.

Task 2

Describe the moment The Iron Man enters the scrapyard. I would like your short description to include at least one simple sentence for effect and one complex sentence to make your writing interesting for the reader.

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As the Iron stepped excitedly into the scrapyard, loud crunching and cracking could be heard. The Iron Man smiled. Hogarth smiled. The Iron Man thought to himself 'this is heaven' and began chomping on the first piece of metal he could reach. His eyes twinkled eyes like a star at night.