

Session 1 text and questions.

Oliver Jeffers is a visual artist and author working in painting, bookmaking, illustration, collage, performance and sculpture. Curiosity and humor are underlying themes throughout Oliver's practice as an artist and storyteller. While investigating the ways the human mind understands its world, his work also functions as comic relief in the face of futility. Jeffers' engagements and practice are truly international in scope. His critically acclaimed picture books have been translated into over forty-five languages, and sold over 12 million copies worldwide. His original artwork has been exhibited at such institutions as the Brooklyn Museum in New York, the Irish Museum of Modern Art in Dublin, the National Portrait Gallery in London, and the Palais Auersperg in Vienna. Jeffers has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Books Award, Bologna Rigazzi Award, An Irish Book Award, and a United Kingdom Literary Association Award. His eighteenth book as author and illustrator will be released in October 2020, and he has illustrated several others. Oliver grew up in Belfast, Northern Ireland; he currently lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

WALT: Retrieval

- 1) What are the underlying themes of Oliver's practice?
- 2) What was Oliver investigating when his work was functioned as Comic relief?
- 3) How many copies did Oliver's critically acclaimed picture book sell?
- 4) In the text it states Jeffers' engagements and practice are truly international in scope. What could the word scope mean?

Session 2 text and questions

Our world can be a bewildering place, especially if you've only just got here. Your head will be filled with questions, so let's explore what makes our planet and how we live on it.

From land and sky, to people and time, these notes can be your guide and start you on your journey. And you'll figure lots of things out for yourself. Just remember to leave notes for everyone else...

Some things about our planet are pretty complicated, but things can be simple, too: there are lots of us on here, so be kind.

WALT: Retrieval

- 1) When does Jeffers state our world will be especially bewildering?
- 2) What does Jeffers say we will be exploring in the book?
- 3) What must you remember to do?
- 4) Which of the options below is an appropriate synonym for explore?
 - a) investigate
 - b) ignore
 - c) draw
 - d) overlook

Well, hello. Welcome to this planet. We call it Earth. It is the big globe, floating in space, on which we live. We're glad you found us as space is very big. There is much to see and do here on Earth, so let's get started with a quick tour. The planet is basically made of two parts. Firstly, let's talk about the land. It's what we are standing on right now. We know lots about the land. Then there is the sea, which is full of wonderful things. We know a bit about the sea, but we'll talk some more about that once you've learned to swim.

WALT: Retrieval

- 1) How does Jeffers describe planet Earth?
- 2) What are the two parts Jeffers says the planet is made of?
- 3) What is the sea full of?
- 4) What must you do before you can talk about the sea some more?