

## Shared Reading Mon 29<sup>th</sup> March answers

### Retrieval

1. Why did Benjamin Zephaniah move to London ?

- a) he didn't like Birmingham.
- b) to publish his first book.
- c) **so that more people could hear his poetry**
- d) To get inspiration for more poems.

2. How does dub poetry manage to sound musical without using any musical instruments ?

**Dub poetry uses changes in the poet's voice to create a musical effect.**

### Words in context

3. Many young writers and singers **attribute** their passion for writing to Benjamin...  
Choose the one word which is closest in meaning to the word **attribute**.

- a) **credit**
- b) get
- c) copy
- d) blame

4. Look at the section called **Achievements**. Find and copy one work which means 'highly regarded'.

**prestigious**

### Inference

5. Why was moving to London essential for Benjamin's success ?

**Moving to London was essential for Benjamin's success because this is where he published his first book. He also ensured that lots of people could hear his poetry. This would have impacted on his success because, if they liked him, they would have gone to tell more people about him and that would have helped him become more popular.**

6. What do you think Benjamin means by the term 'street politics' ?

**I think that when Benjamin says 'street politics', he is referring to important issues which are happening near him and around the streets that he lives on rather than the politics of the entire country.**