

The Curse of the Highwayman

Session 1 (p4-12)

Before Reading

- What genre do you think this book is?
- What can you see on the front cover that gives you a clue about the genre?
- What do you think might happen in this book?

During Reading: Read Chapter 1 (p4-12).

1. Have a look at p5.
 - a. How does Zac react to the idea of going into the building?
 - b. What line from p5 suggests that he does/doesn't want to go into the building?
2. What line on p6 tells us that they are a little scared?
3. Describe 3 things mentioned on p6-7 that suggests the old pub is a scary place?
4. Write 5 adjectives used in chapter 1 to describe the pub and set the mood.

Chapter 1: Metalingustics

Write what you think the words below mean, using the sentence from the book to help. Then look the words up in the dictionary/online and write the definition.

Word	What I think it means	What it actually means
Stifled " <i>Zac stifled a giggle</i> " (p6)		
Stale " <i>a smell hit me, spicy...but also stale and musty.</i> " (p6)		
Loomed " <i>wooden beams loomed over my head</i> " (p6)		
Hoisted " <i>I hoisted the small coffin box across to my other hip</i> " (p12)		