

Beowulf and The Beast

Session 1 (pages 5-10)

Before Reading

Look at the front cover and answer the following questions:

- Do you think this book fiction or non fiction? Why?
- Write a few sentences to describe what you think the book is going to be about.

During Reading

Read pages 5-10 and answer the following questions.

1. Write three things you learn about Beowulf on p5.
2. How does Grendel feel about humans? (p6)
3. What does Grendel think about the story of Beowulf? (p7)
4. What does Grendel tell the reader about how he feels about his mother? (p8)
5. Why was Grendel annoyed with the Danes? (p9-10)
6. Why did Grendel not do anything that morning but curse and fret? (p10)
7. Write the meanings of the following words used in this section:
 - Angelo-Saxon
 - Vikings
 - Danes
 - Bards

After Reading

The author uses **alliteration** to create interest and humour (a phrase where each word begins with the same letter). An example of alliteration from chapter 1 is **g**rimiest, **g**rungiest, **g**arishly, **g**hastly monster and **m**urderous **m**ood.

1. Find 2 more examples of alliteration from p10
2. Write down the simile used on p8