
Session 3: Reading (page 33–39)

Before Reading

Discuss the notes made. Ask children if they believe Vanya and Ivan's claims about being able to build a flying ship.

During Reading

Children consider the main question as they read to page 39.

Main question: **How do you think the boy, the girl and the man will help Erik in the rest of the story? (Y4 t1, Prediction)**

Additional prompts

Page 34: Where does the girl say she will end up?

Page 35: What can drums be used for?

Page 36: Why might Erik need an army?

Page 39: What is the Tsar's wicked plan to avoid a peasant marrying his daughter?

After Reading

Discuss the main question, checking that children are basing their ideas on other stories as well as information in the text so far.

Follow-up: children read to the end of the story and write a paragraph explaining what they thought about the ending. Did they expect it?