

Home Learning – 01.06.2020

Year 6 Reading and Writing Focus Tasks

### Mega City



For the following reading and writing tasks, please follow this link to watch the video: **Mega City**

<https://www.literacyshed.com/megacity.html>

The following clip is a lovely little film from the makers of the Spanish lottery advert 'Loteria de Navidad'. Here is what they have to say about it:

*Our TV ad tells the story of busker Jack and his furry companion, Harry. We travel with the struggling pair as they try desperately to bring joy and happiness to their cold, dark world. Littered with looming skyscrapers and devoid of nature, the pair struggle to break through to the busybodies caught up in the rush of city life.*

*Jack desires one thing more than anything in life – to escape to the countryside. Using this desire to push himself forwards, he busks through the harsh days and weary nights; slowly but surely, day after day, saving up the money he needs to buy a motorbike, to get his canine companion out of the city.*

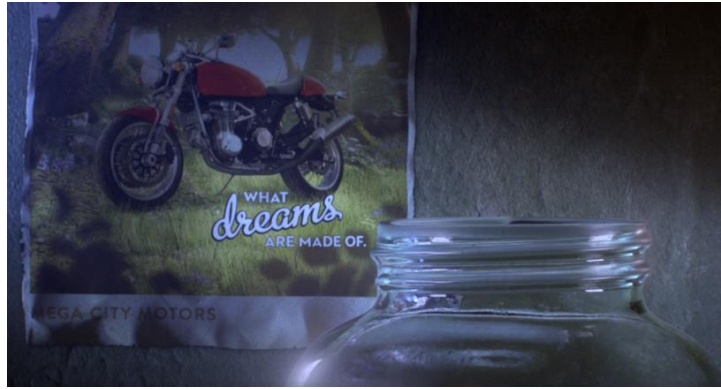
*Eventually, with enough fight and dedication, Jack scrapes every last penny together and sets out to ride away into the sunset. But not all is as it seems – even though Jack put everything into buying the motorbike, he realised that wasn't important. As long as Harry is back in the countryside, by any means possible, and back with nature, that's the best thing he can do for his closest friend.*

## Reading Task

- 1) Read the information above and answer the following questions:
  - (a) Find and copy a word in the first paragraph that shows that Jack and Harry do not have the easiest life.
  - (b) Where does Jack want to move to?
  - (c) What is he saving his money up to buy?
- 2) *“Littered with looming skyscrapers and **devoid** of nature,”*  
Use the clip of the video or use the passage above. What does the word devoid mean?
- 3) The story starts with:  
*“Our TV ad tells the story of **busker** Jack and his furry companion, Harry.”*  
Now you have watched the video, what do you think a busker is?



- 4) Pause the video after 10 seconds. Why do you think James is bowing for?
- 5) Pause the video after 20 seconds. Write down 3 emotions you think James will be feeling. Explain why you think he'd feel these emotions, giving evidence from the text.



6) James has a picture of a motorbike on his wall with the slogan: **“What dreams are made of.”** Do you think this is a good slogan?

Yes/No – Explain why or why not

7) (a) Compare and contrast the weather in the city and the countryside.

(b) What do you think this is trying to symbolise?

## **Writing Task**

### **Retell the story**

Either retell the story in your own words as a 3rd person narrative or in the 1st person either as Jack or his dog. Remember to use lots of detail to engage the reader and inform them of what is happening. Use your imagination – what do you think Jack might be saying to Harry (his dog)? Remember to correctly punctuate any speech!

### **Setting description/contrast**

Describe the city and the countryside and how they are so different. Why do you think they are so different? When writing, remember to use specific language to create and capture the mood/atmosphere of both places. Before you write, maybe jot down a few words to describe the city and the country to help you.

### **Persuasive Argument**

Create an advert for your own pet food using a range of persuasive devices. Alternatively, you could imagine you are trying to sell someone the motorbike.

Remember, you are trying to persuade someone to buy your product so we would expect to see lots of persuasive language! Include lots of rhetorical questions and completely go overboard on how amazing your product is!

### **Diary Entry**

Write this story but in a diary as Jack (or Harry if you wish to). Remember to include lots of emotions, using these to help you:

- How might Harry feel being out in the rain?
- How might he feel when he is getting a few pennies?
- Talk about how the jar fills up, slowly but surely!
- How might Harry feel when he has enough money to get his motorbike?
- How might Harry feel at the end, when he is in the countryside? How might this differ from being in the city?

### **Non-Chronological Report**

The clip is based around the boy and his pet dog. Could you write a non-chronological report about different pets? Remember to use heading, sub-headings, bullet points, facts and all of the other features of a non-chronological report. You can use the checklist provided.

### **Setting Description**

Write a setting description of the city or the countryside. Remember to write descriptively about the two places as this is writing to inform and entertain. Alternatively, you can do this as a comparison and write about both places and how they differ!