

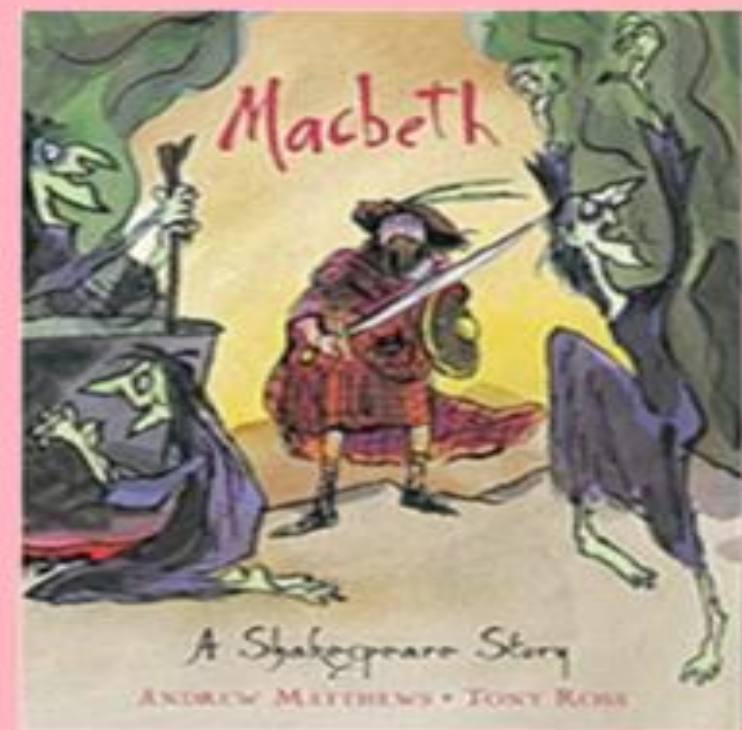
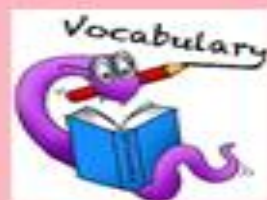
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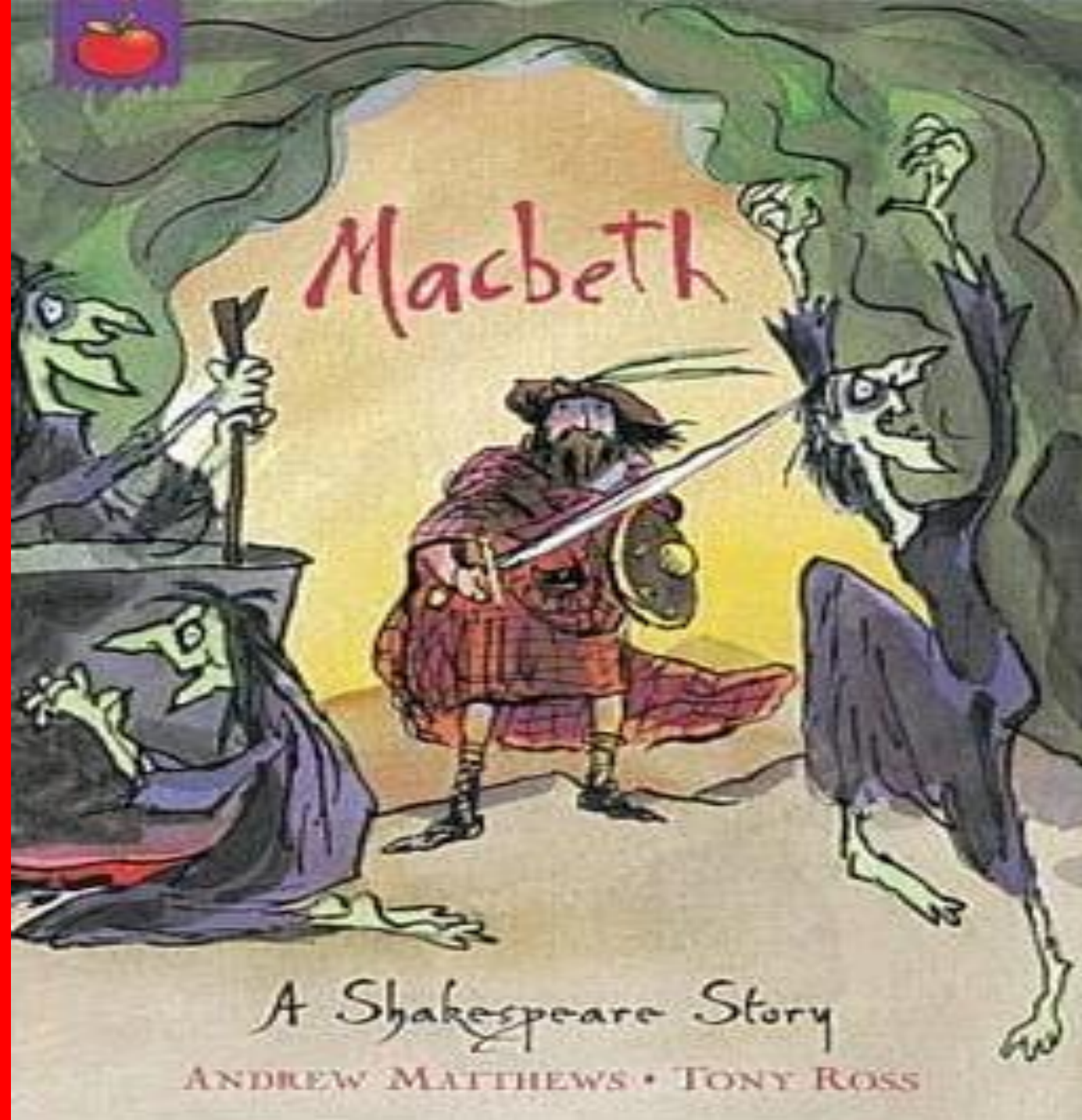
LO: To deduce the meaning of words in context from a text and infer information.

Read p 50 - 58.

SC:

- to be able to deduce the meaning of words from the context they have been written in





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Cast List



The Three Witches - or Weird Sisters



Macbeth

Thane of Glamis
General to King Duncan



Lady Macbeth

Wife to Macbeth



Banquo

General to King Duncan



King Duncan

King of Scotland



Malcolm and Donalbain

The King's sons



Macduff

Thane of Fife



A servant of
Glamis Castle



Two
Murderers

The Scene

Scotland in the eleventh century.

When shall we three meet again?

In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

When the hurly-burly's done,

When the battle's lost and won.

First and Second Witches; I.i.

Through the windows of the throne room, Macbeth could see the distant campfires of Malcolm's army. He raised a cup of wine to them. "Fools!" he jeered. "You cannot overthrow me!"

A sound made him turn. A servant was standing at the door, wringing his hands and weeping.

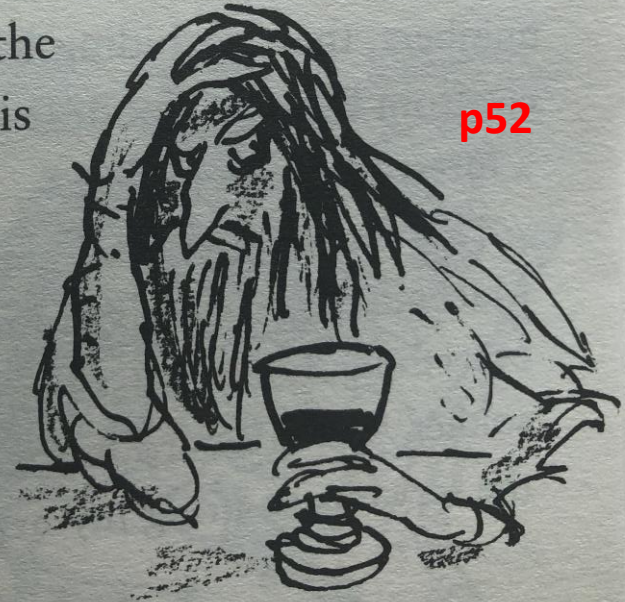
"What is it?" Macbeth asked gruffly.

"The Queen, my lord," said the servant. "She is...dead."



For a long time, Macbeth was silent, remembering the early years of his marriage, when the world had seemed bright. "Life goes on, day after day, but it means nothing," he said in a cracked whisper. "It ends in despair, and darkness... and death."

Macbeth did not sleep that night. He drank cup after cup of wine, but it brought him no comfort. Only the certainty that his enemies would be defeated and that he would remain unharmed, gave him any hope.



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At dawn, an anxious-faced captain brought the King strange news. "The enemy is approaching, my lord," he said. "To conceal the strength of their

numbers, they are hiding behind branches cut from Birnam Wood. It looks as though a forest is on the march."

"My curse upon you, witches!" howled Macbeth. "You deceived me! I have lost everything, but at least I can die like a soldier, with a sword in my hand! Go tell the servants to bring my armour!"



It was a short battle. Macbeth's army had no stomach for a fight to protect a king they now hated, and the soldiers began to surrender to Malcolm's men – first in a trickle, then in a flood.

Macbeth fought recklessly, as though he wished to be killed, but he hacked down opponent after opponent, shouting, "You were born of woman!" as he delivered the death blow.

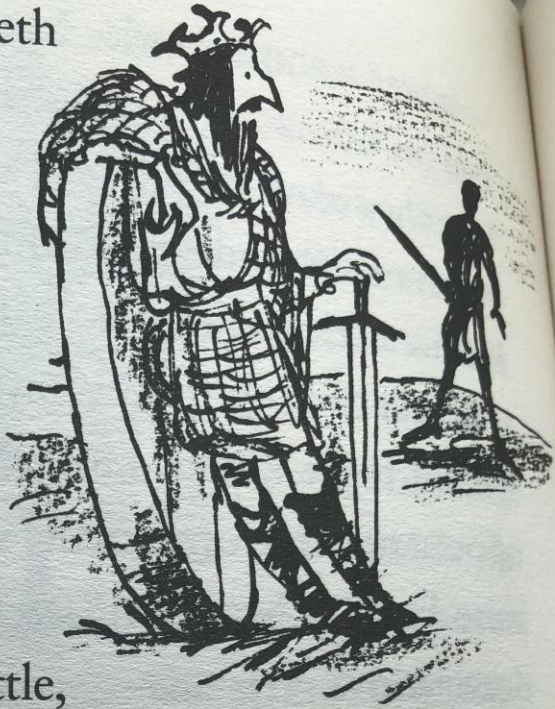


At last, Macbeth found himself alone. He was resting against a cart, when he heard someone call his name.

It was Macduff, striding through the smoke of battle, his broadsword at the ready. "I have come to avenge my wife and children!" Macduff said through clenched teeth.

"Stay back!" warned Macbeth. "I cannot be harmed by a man born of woman."

p55 "My mother died before I was born," said Macduff, his eyes blazing with hate. "To save me, the doctor cut me from her body."



Macbeth threw back his head and laughed bitterly. He saw now that all the witches' promises had been lies, and that by believing them, he had betrayed himself. The force that had dominated him was gone, and only his courage remained. "Come then, Macduff!" he cried. "Make an end of me!"

Macduff struck off Macbeth's head with a single sweep of his sword.



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The head was placed on top of a spear that had been driven into the ground outside the gates of Dunsinane. The victorious army cheered, then marched away to see Malcolm crowned King.

As the sun set, three ravens flapped down from the castle walls and fluttered around Macbeth's head. "All hail, Macbeth!" they cawed. "All hail! All hail!"



Out, out, brief candle.

*Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more.*

Macbeth; V.v.

Evil in Macbeth

Shakespeare wrote *Macbeth* in 1605, four years after James I came to the throne. King James had written a book about witchcraft, and Shakespeare wove three witches into *Macbeth*, to flatter the new monarch, who had granted Shakespeare's acting company the title of *The King's Men* in 1603.

Shakespeare's witches do not simply cast wicked spells. Their prophecies and promises play on Macbeth's mind, bringing out a long-kept secret – his ambition to be king.

The evil in the play does not come from the witches, but from Macbeth himself. Urged on by his wife, Macbeth murders the saintly King Duncan, condemns the king's sons as murderers, and is proclaimed king by the Scots noblemen.

Macbeth's dark dream has come true, but his life turns into a nightmare. To keep the throne he has his best friend murdered, and puts to death anyone who dares oppose him. The brave general has become a cruel tyrant.

In the end, Macbeth loses everything. His wife goes mad and dies, and when an English army invades Scotland his noblemen turn against him. The promises the witches made to Macbeth prove to be hollow, and he dies at the hands of Macduff, whose wife and children he had executed.

With its three witches, a ghost and a phantom dagger, *Macbeth* was the sixteenth century equivalent of a modern horror movie. But the real horror lies in the change that comes over Macbeth's character. The potential for evil, Shakespeare seems to suggest, is lurking inside us all, and we must constantly be on guard against it.



LO: To infer information from a text.

Task 1: p 50 - 58



1. What is a 'tyrant' (pg 50)?
2. Which other kings or rulers, can you think of, who are/were 'tyrants'?
3. Find and copy a word on page 54 that means the same as 'hide'.
4. Find and copy a word on page 54 that means the same as 'tricked'.

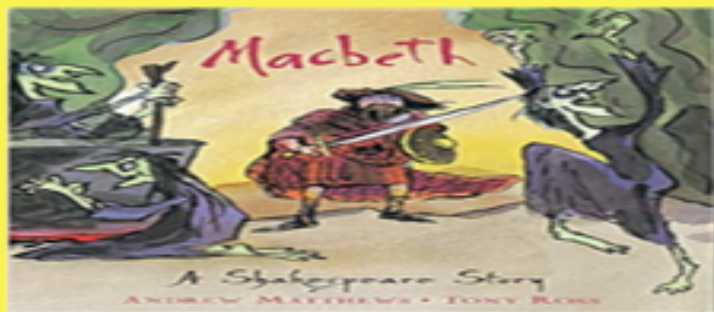
Task 1:



1. What might Macbeth be thinking and feeling when he learns of Lady Macbeth's death?
2. What might Macbeth be thinking and feeling when he hears the soldiers are advancing on page 54?
3. Explain why Macbeth ignores his generals' pleas to go to battle.
4. Use the information on page 54 to explain the what the witches said to Macbeth on page 47?
5. Explain why Macbeth shouts, "You were born of a woman!" as he fights the soldiers.
6. Explain how the prophecy has come true.



Task 2:



Predict:

Read to the end of page 52. How do you think the queen has died?

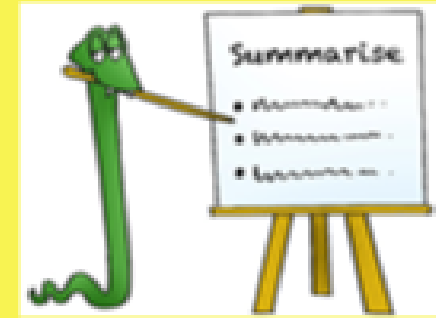
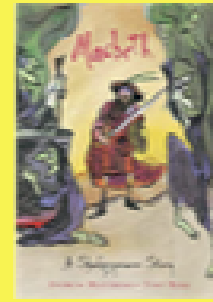
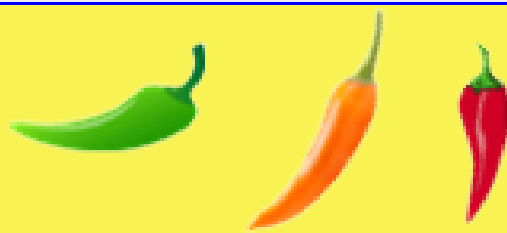
Read to the end of page 56. Do you think Macduff will kill Macbeth?

Retrieve:



1. Complete these sentences with the missing words: The day after Lady Macbeth's _____, a captain brings _____ news to Macbeth. The enemy are _____ and to _____ their numbers they are using _____ from _____. Why do
2. Macbeth's soldiers give up so easily?
3. Who finally kills MacBeth and how?

Task 3:



Summarise:

1. Use the information on page 53 to write a summary of what Macbeth says in the play when his wife dies: *“Out, out, brief candle. Life’s but a walking shadow, a poor player That struts and frets his hour upon the stage, And then is heard no more. It is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, Signifying nothing.”* (V.v)
2. How is Macbeth feeling when he says this?
3. What are his views on life?
4. Does he think life is full of meaning?
5. How could you perform this soliloquy?