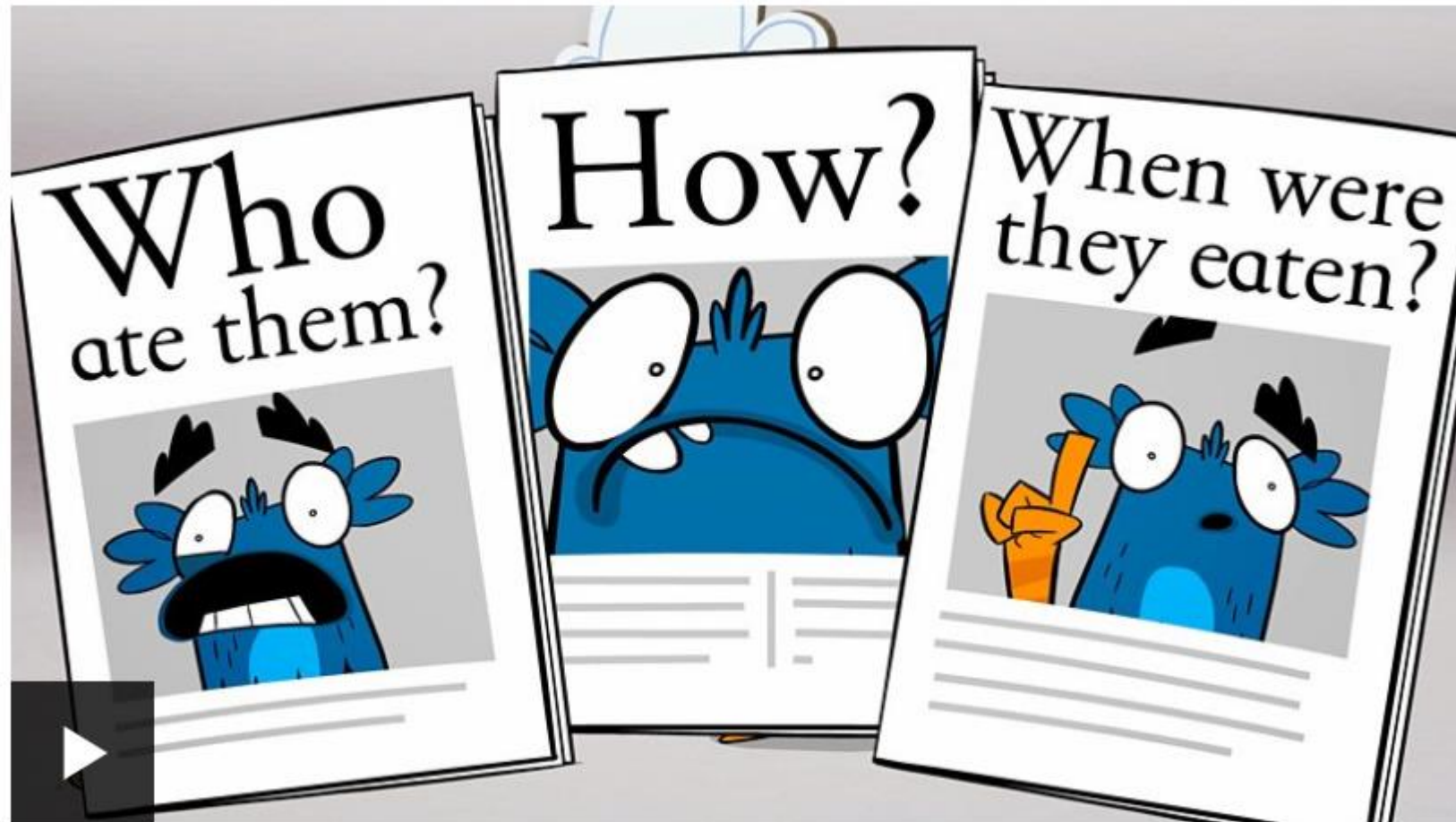


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## Lesson 3

WALT- understand  
a character

Today, we are going to hot seat the character  
of the fox.

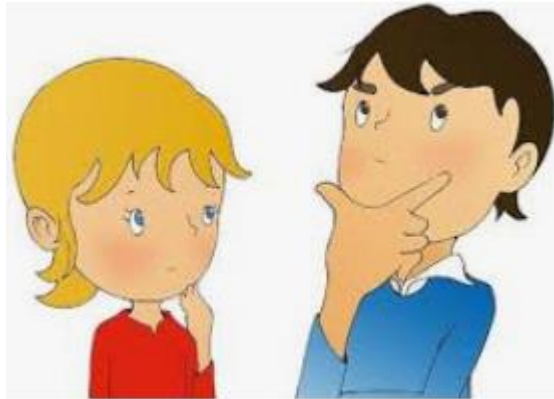
Can you think of some questions that you would  
ask the fox?

Write these in your jotter.



Let's read the text.

Are there any words that you are unsure of?



One by one, the shop fronts in Weston flicker and die. In the distance, a lone taxi purrs and carries away its last ride. The seaside town prepares to sleep.

A door crashes open and pool of light reveals tired bins, spewing rubbish over the oily pavement. I flinch and sink into the shadows of Little Vixen Street.

Suddenly, a figure emerges from a door lifts the lid of a bin and casually tosses in a stinking carcass. I bide my time, watch and wait. Seconds later, the door snaps shut and the street is dark once more.

Emerging from the darkness like a phantom, my amber eyes stare left and right. Nothing. Now to work. I know that I need to return to the den soon- the cubs are hungry and time is precious.

One ear pricked, I hastily sniff and snuffle through the debris of an upturned bin. Aromas prickles my nostrils, jowls drip and drool. Picking through the rubbish, I find and grab the evening meal in my muzzle- the chicken carcass is still warm.

Without warning.

Flash!

Forward. Stumble. Trip.

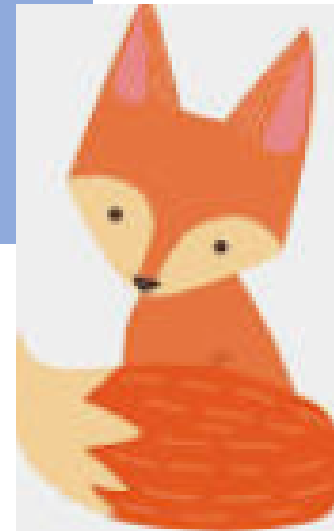
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Forward. Stumble. Trip.

Blinded, I blink and think. As quick as a lightning, I gather up my bounty and scamper away. Blinking and squinting, I stare back through the rusted iron railings. A lone figure stares down at the screen of his iphone and retreats. I am safely hidden and tonight my cubs will have their fill.

What words can you find  
that describe the fox?

Think about her appearance  
and how she acts.



Let's share our ideas

Appearance

amber eyes

like a phantom

red fuzz



Actions

bides her time

Watches and  
waits

hasty

as quick as  
lightning

Can you think of any other words  
to describe a fox? I will  
scribed these.

## Think and share

Today you are going to be working in small groups to create a freeze frame.

One of you will be the adult fox, some will be the cubs and one the mysterious figure who takes a photograph.

If you are the foxes, imagine that you are all going into Little Vixen Street the following evening.

Show how you will behave.

What advice would the adult fox give the cubs?

If you are the mysterious figure, how will you behave?



Each group now needs to show their freeze frame of what happened on Little Vixen Street.

