

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/children/2018/oct/the-firework-makers-daughter-by-philip-pullman-extract.html>

Using this weblink above you are able to read some of this book.

One day she said, 'Father, if I put some flowers of salt in a Java Light instead of cloud-powder, what would happen?'

'Try it and see,' he said.

So she did. Instead of burning with a steady green glimmer, it sprayed out wicked little sparks, each of which turned a somersault before going out.

'Not bad, Lila,' said Lalchand. 'What are you going to call it?'

'Mmm... Tumbling Demons,' she said.

'Excellent! Make a dozen and we'll put them into the New Year Festival display.'

The Tumbling Demons were a great success, and so were the Shimmering Coins that Lila invented next. As time went on she learned more and more of her father's art, until one day she said, 'Am I a proper Firework-Maker now?'

'No, no,' he said. 'By no means. Ha! You don't know the start of it. What are the ingredients of fly-away powder?'

'I don't know.'

'And where do you find thunder-grains?'

'I've never heard of thunder-grains.'

'How much scorpion oil do you put in a Krakatoa Fountain?'

'A teaspoonful?'

'*What?* You'd blow the whole city up. You've got a lot to learn yet. Do you really want to be a Firework-Maker, Lila?'

'Of course I do! It's the only thing I want!'

'I was afraid so,' he said. 'It's my own fault. What was I thinking of? I should have sent you to my sister Jembavati to bring you up as a dancer. This is no place for a girl, now I come to think of it, and just look at you! Your hair's a mess, your fingers are burned and stained with chemicals, your eyebrows are scorched... How am I going to find a husband for you when you look like that?'

Activity one

1. What did Lila enjoy doing?
2. What words give you this impression?
3. 'Am I a proper Firework maker now?'
Can you explain why you think Lila asked this question?
4. Why did Lily's father start asking her so many questions?
5. What was the author's intention with these questions?
6. Describe how you think Lila felt after having this conversation?

Activity Two

Now the King of that country owned a White Elephant. It was the custom that whenever the King wanted to punish one of his courtiers, he would send him the White Elephant as a present, and the expense of looking after the animal would ruin the poor man; because the White Elephant had to sleep between silk sheets (enormous ones), and eat mango-flavoured Turkish Delight (tons of it), and have his tusks covered in gold leaf every morning. When the courtier had no money left at all, the White Elephant would be returned to the King, ready for his next victim.

Wherever the White Elephant went, his personal servant had to go too. The servant's name was Chulak, and he was the same age as Lila. In fact, they were friends.

Every afternoon Chulak would take the White Elephant out for his exercise, because the Elephant would go with no-one else, and there was a reason for this: Chulak was the only person, besides Lila, who knew that the Elephant could talk.

One day Lila went to visit Chulak and the White Elephant. She arrived at the Elephant House in time to hear the Elephant Master losing his temper.




What can we infer?



What background knowledge do we have?



What predictions can you make?



What do you want to find out?

Read the extract provided and answer the four questions above onto the template provided on the next slide.

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Activity Three

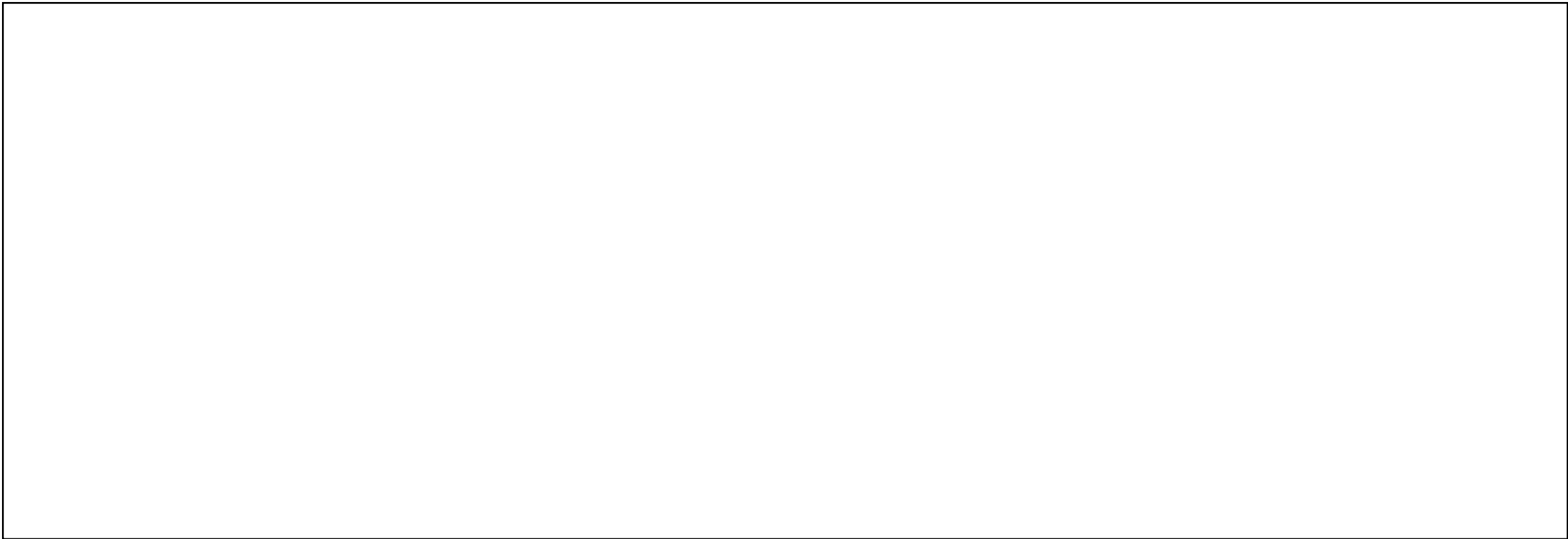
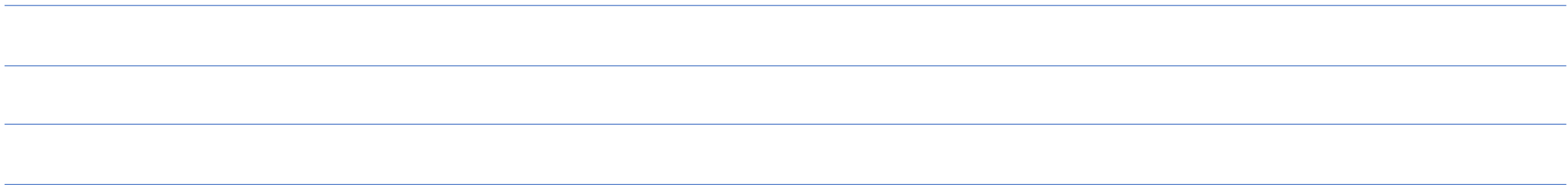
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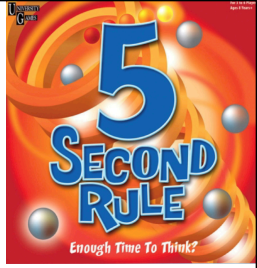
'My father won't tell me the final secret of Firework-Making,' said Lila. 'I've learned all there is to know about fly-away powder and thunder-grains, and scorpion oil and spark repellent, and glimmer-juice and salts-of-shadow, but there's something else I need to know, and he won't tell me.'

Read the extract provided above. What type of fireworks were created?
How were the different fireworks named?

Using the template on the next slide complete the following.
Can you create your own firework display?
Create names for the different ones that you have invented.

Template

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying the upper half of the page. It is intended for drawing or writing.Four horizontal blue lines spaced evenly apart, intended for writing text. They span the width of the page.



Activity Four

- 5 seconds rule
- Need a timer
- Pick a word for the options on the right.
- Think of 3 synonyms e.g. **happy**- joyful, cheerful and content.
- Record your ideas onto an App of your choice.

Strong	Clever
Sad	Big
Beautiful	Kind
Rusty	Short
Horrible	Tall
Small	Scared
Sorry	Gigantic

Activity Five

Here are two different extracts to read.

Your challenge is to be able to read the extracts in one minute each. You will need to use a timer.

Do not worry if you not able to do it the first time round you could always have another ago.

The numbers show you how many words on in each line.

One Tiny Mistake

- 10 When I received my first magic wand for my twelfth
20 birthday, I could not have been more excited. I imagined
30 pointing it towards a pile of dirty clothes and having
39 them magically cleaned and folded before my eyes. I'd
47 dreamed about turning my vegetables invisible so I
58 didn't have to eat them for dinner. I never imagined that
69 I would spend the next year of my life trapped inside
71 a bottle.
- 83 One tiny, little spell gone wrong was all it took to shrink
95 me. My family think that I ran away to a school for
105 witches. They knew it had always been my dream. What
117 they don't know is that I've been here all along; sat on
128 the dusty shelf in my old bedroom, tapping on the glass
137 and praying that one day they will hear me.

The Cat in the Witch's Woods

- 11 Once upon a time, there was a girl and her wicked
19 stepmother. The stepmother dreamt of nothing but how
30 she could get rid of her stepdaughter. One day, an evil
43 idea came into her head and she sent the girl out into the
51 great, gloomy wood where a wicked witch lived.
- 61 After months of misery, the girl stumbled across a grey
72 cat in the bleak woods. "How can I escape the witch?"
81 she asked the cat. He gave her two items.
- 91 "Throw this handkerchief on the ground and run as fast
102 as you can," he said. "Wherever it touches the ground, a
113 deep, broad river will appear. If the witch manages to get
124 across it, throw this comb behind you and run for your
134 life. Wherever the comb falls, a dense forest will grow
139 and trap the witch forever."