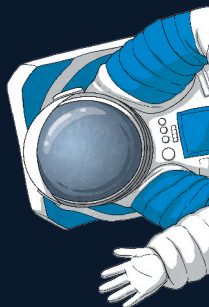
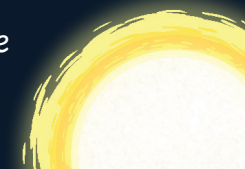


★ The Rocket Men Questions



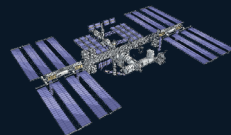
1. Find and copy a fronted adverbial in the poem.
2. What name does Alfie call Ryan in the poem?
3. Find and copy one example of alliteration from the poem.
4. Where are the boys really? How do you know?
5. Why do you think they are walking in slow motion at one point?

★ The Galaxy Questions



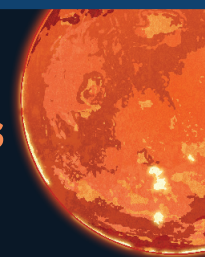
1. Find and copy a simile from the poem.
2. What sort of literary device is **river of air**?
3. What do you think the author means by **but the white drift of worlds**?
4. Write down all the rhyming words.
5. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'heavenly' or 'having to do with the sky'.

★ An excerpt from The Comet Questions



1. Write down one example of personification from the poem.
2. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'phantom' or 'ghost'.
3. Write down all of the verbs.
4. What do you think the author means by **whistling spheres of light**?
5. Why do you think the author describes the comet as **Ten million cubic miles of head, Ten billion leagues of tail**?

★ The Milky Way Questions



1. Write down all of the adjectives.
2. According to the author, what is the Milky Way built of? What are they actually referring to?
3. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem?
4. Why do you think the author called the Milky Way a **bridge**?
5. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'shaking'.

The Rocket Men Answers

1. Various possible answers, such as: 'Out beyond the Earth', 'Fingers stretched', 'Checking his watch' and 'Once back home'.
2. Alfie calls Ryan 'Buzz' in the poem.
3. scampering, soaring, spinning, shouting
4. Pupils' own responses, such as: They are running down a street or road because it says they are space-walking on a kerb and racing to a lamp post.
5. Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they are walking in slow motion to make it seem like they are weightless in space.

The Galaxy Answers

1. 'like gold and silver strands in some ravine'
2. 'River of air' is a metaphor.
3. Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they mean that galaxies are where worlds such as ours exist and drift through the vast openness of dark space.
4. air, bare, where, fair; seen, ravine, sheen, serene; fable, sable; skies, flies; trod, God
5. celestial

An excerpt from The Comet Answers

1. Various possible answers, such as: 'and singing as he flies' and 'he asks them not their names'.
2. spectre
3. is; singing; flies; whizzing; shrink; burn; turn; whistling; flashes; flames, turns; asks; fly; bottled; sold
4. Pupils' own responses, such as: I think he is referring to stars because they are burning balls of gas and probably make some sort of noise as they burn.
5. Pupils' own responses, such as: I think he uses the terms 'billion' and 'million' and 'head' and 'tail' to describe how big the comet is and to give us a picture of it in our minds.

The Milky Way Answers

1. beautiful; broad; white; silver; pale
2. Pupils' own responses, such as: The Milky Way is built of silver rays stolen out of the ruins of the day. I think the author is actually referring to the light or rays of the setting sun.
3. A, A, B, C, C, C, B
4. Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author referred to the Milky Way as a bridge because it does stretch across the sky like one.
5. quivering