

Wednesday 3rd June

Reading comprehension - The Tale of Two Cooking Pots

Read the narrative and complete the questions below.

Warm up

1. What does the word 'tale' in the title of the text suggest to you? _____

Read paragraph 1.

2. Who is the main character? _____

3. Where is she going? _____

4. What do you think she is going to do when she gets there? _____

5. Does the opening paragraph suggest this tale will be set in Britain? _____

What makes you think this?

Essential Vocabulary

6. Find the word 'frail'. Pretend to be someone who is frail. Show someone at home.

What does this word mean? _____

7. Find the word 'barren'. Do you think this is a positive or a negative word?

_____ Why? _____

8. Find the word 'perfect' and circle it. What do you think the opposite of this word will be - unperfect, disperfect or imperfect? _____

9. Add the 'im' prefix to the following words. What do you think they mean?

possible = _____

polite = _____

patient = _____

personal = _____

Are these positive or negative words? _____

10. Can you find an 'im' word in this tale that means 'not perfect'? _____

11. Find the word 'splashes' and 'speckling' in the penultimate (second to last) paragraph. Does the writer use these words to show:

(a) the colourful flowers cover all the earth?

(b) the colourful flowers cover the earth here and there? _____

Draw your answer below.

Main Questions

12. The Tale of Two Cooking Pots is from Africa. What evidence can you find to prove this? _____

13. Is Kisimba rich or poor? _____ How do you know? _____

14. When Kisimba sets off to the river, is it light or dark? _____
How do you know? _____

Why do you think she sets off so early? _____

15. On a scale of 1-10, how strong do you think Kisimba is? _____ Why do you think this is? _____

16. Can you think of an adjective to describe Kisimba's character? _____
_____ Using the text, why have you chosen this word? _____

17. Is the cracked pot upset by what the perfect pot says? _____ How do you know?

Reflection

18. How might a person be 'cracked' or 'imperfect'? _____

19. What do you think the moral of this tale is? _____

20. What does this tale teach us about how we should view people with a disability?

21. Do you think this moral applies only to African people? Explain your answer.
