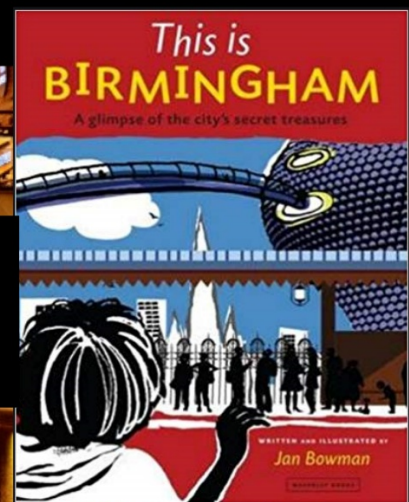




Day 1

Last week we started reading from 'This is Birmingham'.

This week we are continuing to read it.

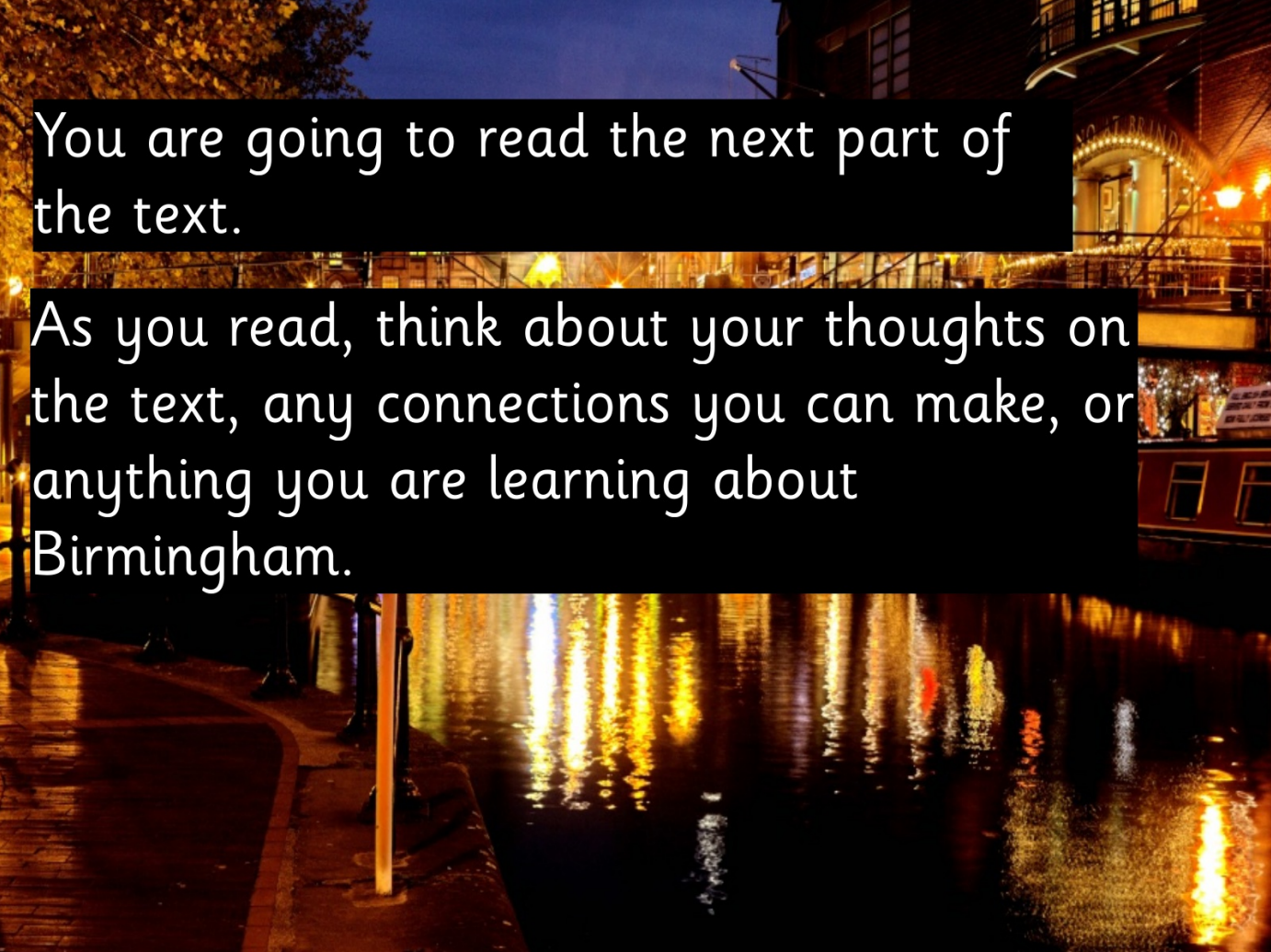


Last week we read about what life used to be like and how Birmingham began to change.

We are reading from page 42 to the end.
What do you think the next section of the book will be about?

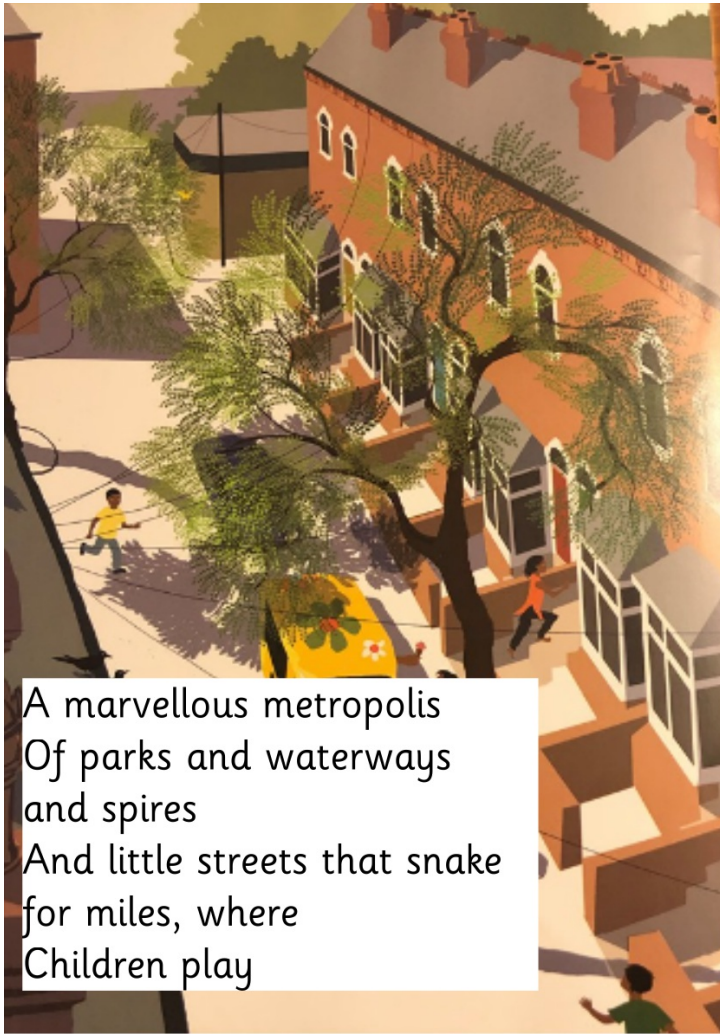


So nowadays old Brum is more like this...



You are going to read the next part of the text.

As you read, think about your thoughts on the text, any connections you can make, or anything you are learning about Birmingham.



A marvellous metropolis
Of parks and waterways
and spires
And little streets that snake
for miles, where
Children play



The smoky wharves have all be
cleared away.
Replaced by tall apartments
and cafes
And instead of coal,
floriferous canals
Carry families on narrowboat
holidays.

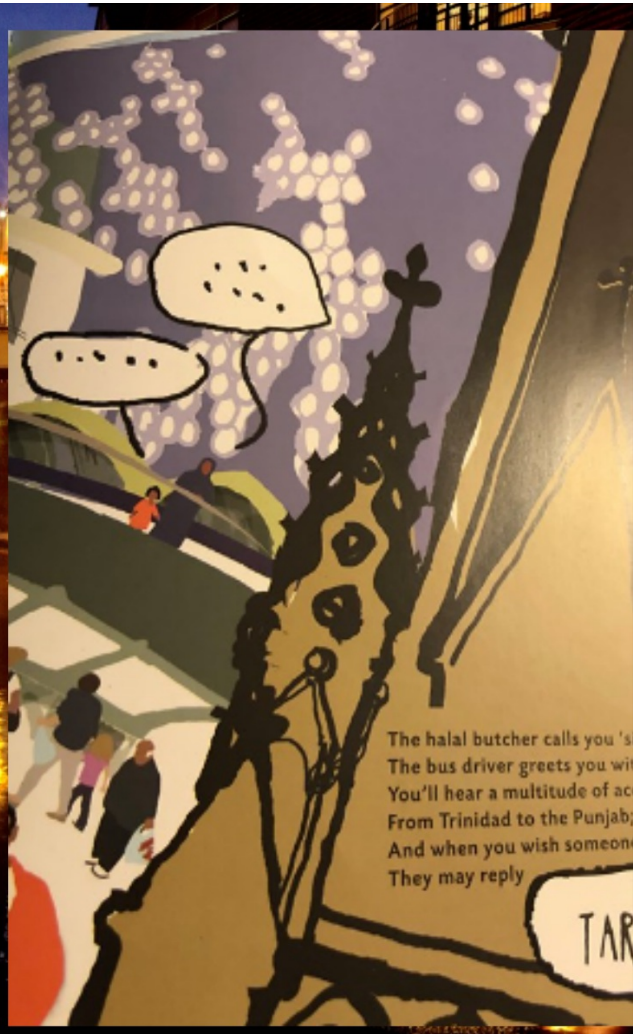
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Today the main street's closed to cars
And you can lose yourself for hours
Among the bustling Sunday shoppers.
But Birmingham still boasts big roads
Where cars and buses safely flow
Below the city, over it,
And every now and then, straight through it.

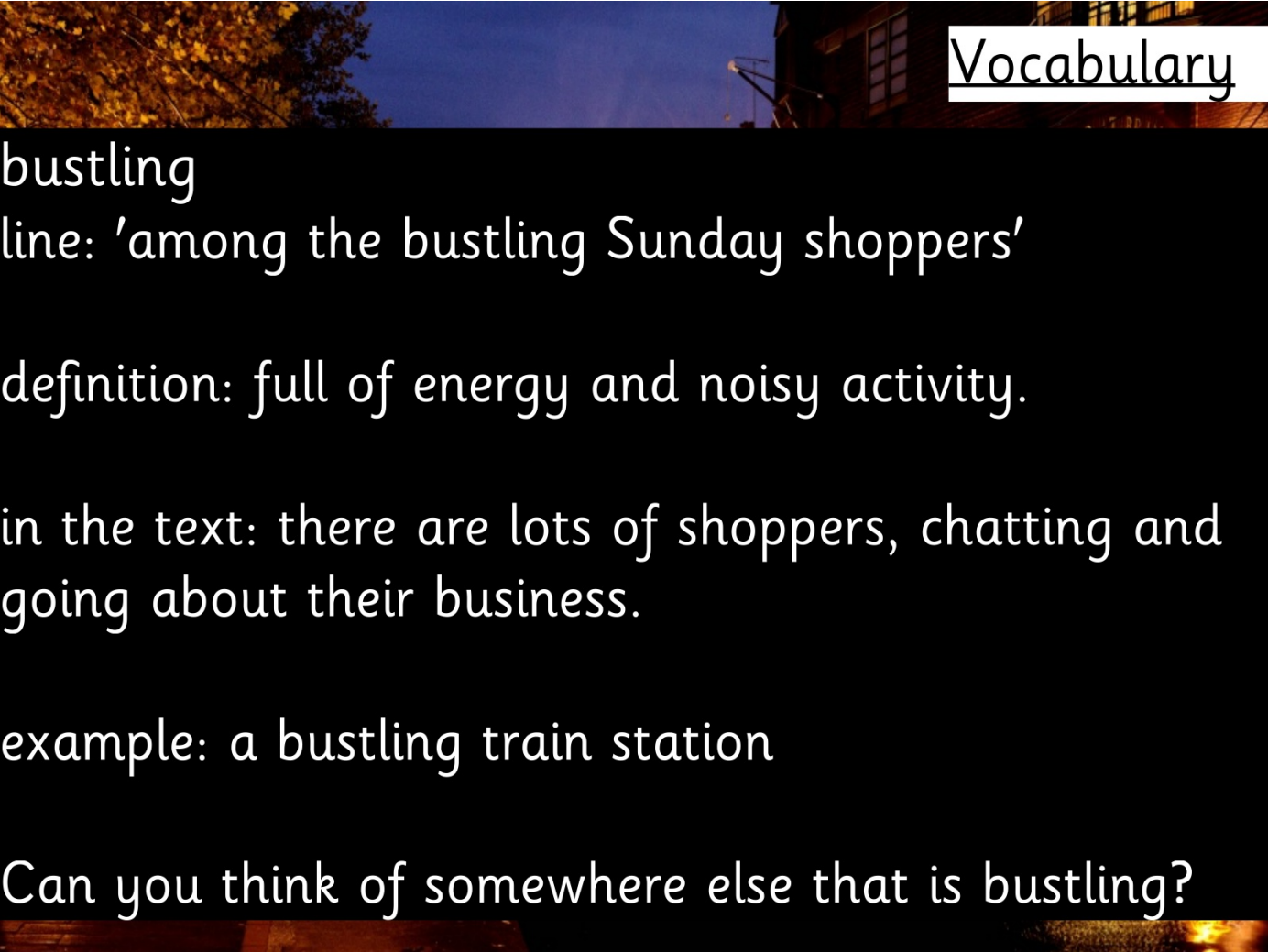


As well as faggots and bread pudding
Today's Brummies eat saag and okra;
There's colour everywhere you look
And walking Brum's main shopping street
Is much like London's Oxford Street,
With people from across the planet –
Except that somehow they're more friendly
In this odd old mixed-up city.



The halal butcher calls you 's
The bus driver greets you wi
You'll hear a multitude of ac
From Trinidad to the Punjab
And when you wish someon
They may reply

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Vocabulary

bustling


line: 'among the bustling Sunday shoppers'

definition: full of energy and noisy activity.

in the text: there are lots of shoppers, chatting and going about their business.

example: a bustling train station

Can you think of somewhere else that is bustling?

A nighttime photograph of a city street scene. In the foreground, there is a body of water reflecting the warm yellow and orange lights of street lamps and buildings. A bridge with a railing is visible in the middle ground. The background shows silhouettes of buildings and trees against a dark blue sky. The word "Vocabulary" is written in white text on a black rectangular background in the upper right corner.

Vocabulary

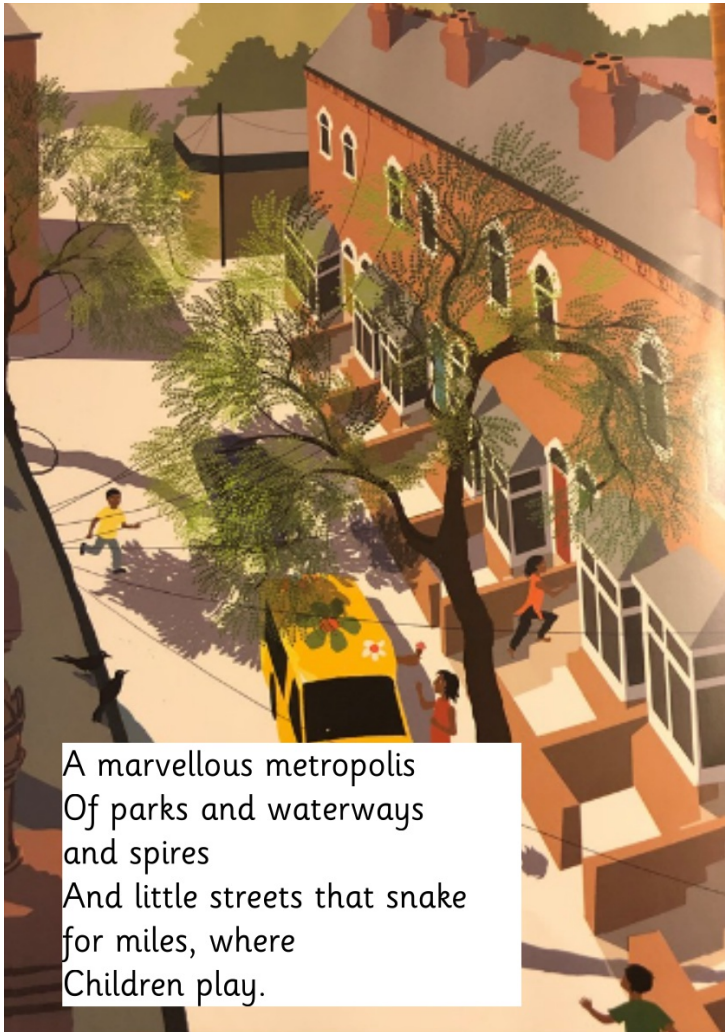
boast

Line: Birmingham still boasts big roads

In the text: Birmingham is proud of having big roads

Example: "I am the best footballer," boasted Tom.

Can you think of another example?



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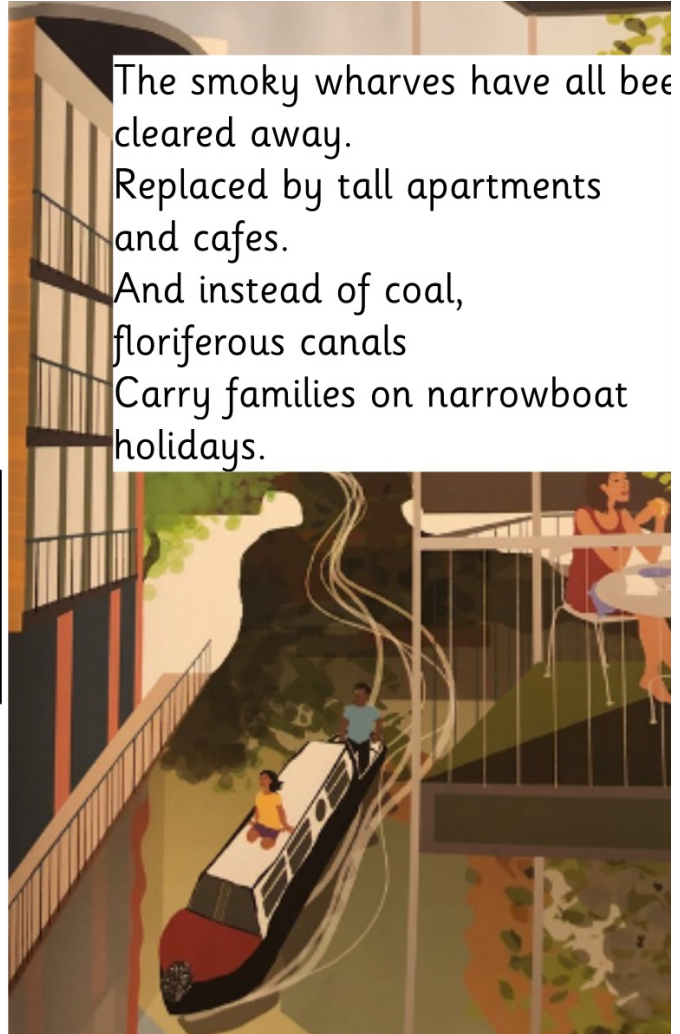
Which word
describes the
metropolis?

What do the little
streets do?

What have the smoky wharves been replaced by?

Now the canals carry families. What did they used to carry?

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Carry families on narrowboat holidays.





Are cars allowed on the main streets now? How do you know?

Is it dangerous for cars and buses to flow below, over and straight through the city? How do you know?



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Name 1 food that
Brummies eat now.

How are people from
Birmingham different to
people from London?
Choose one.

Happier
Stranger
Friendlier

True or false?
You will not hear many
different accents in
Birmingham.

What might you get
called in Birmingham?
Tick two.
Love
Pet
Dear
Sister



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