



Day 2



## Vocab Task

Match the definition to the correct word.



boast

amazing; very good



bustling

to be proud; show off



marvellous

energetic; full of activity

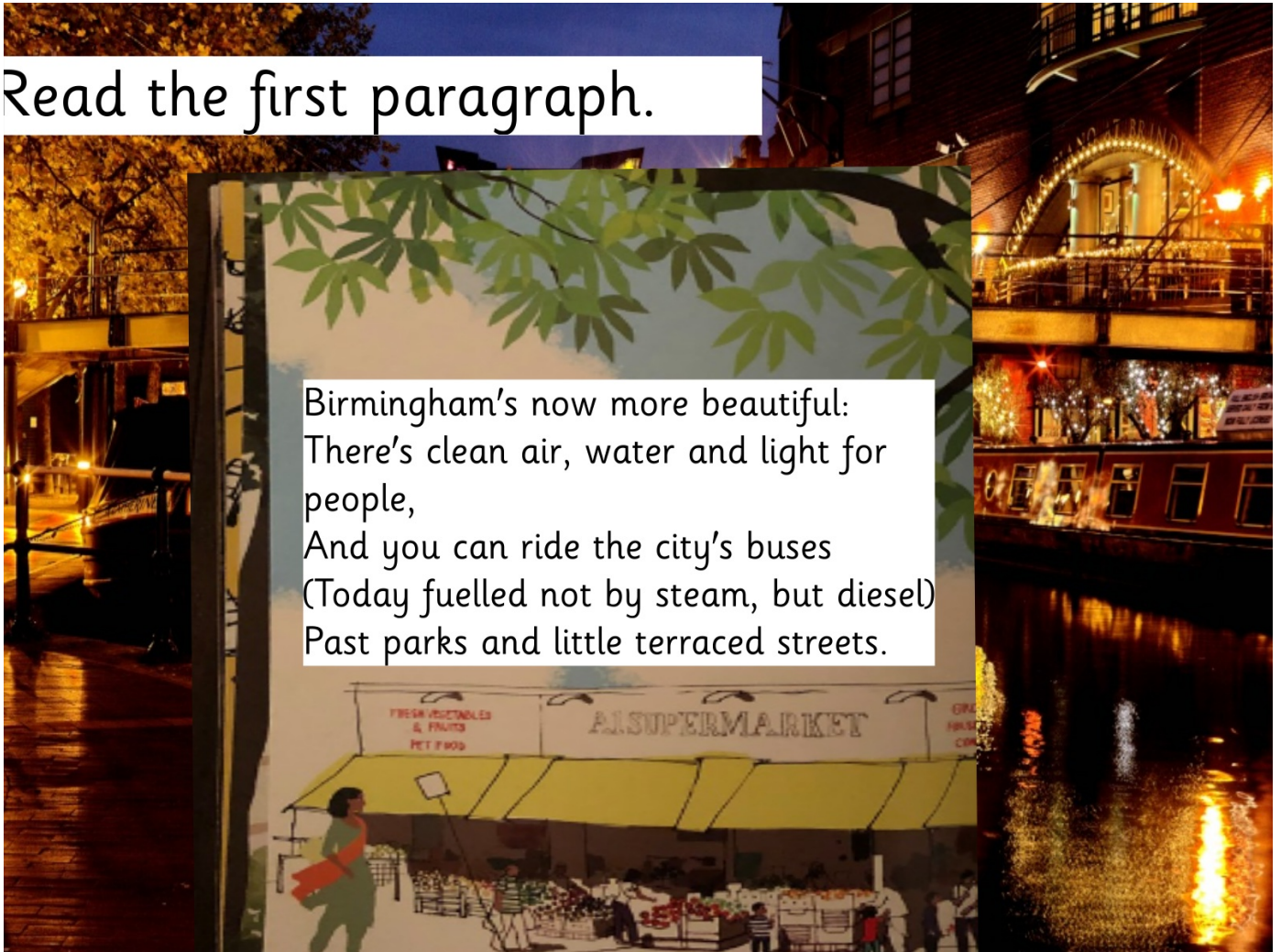


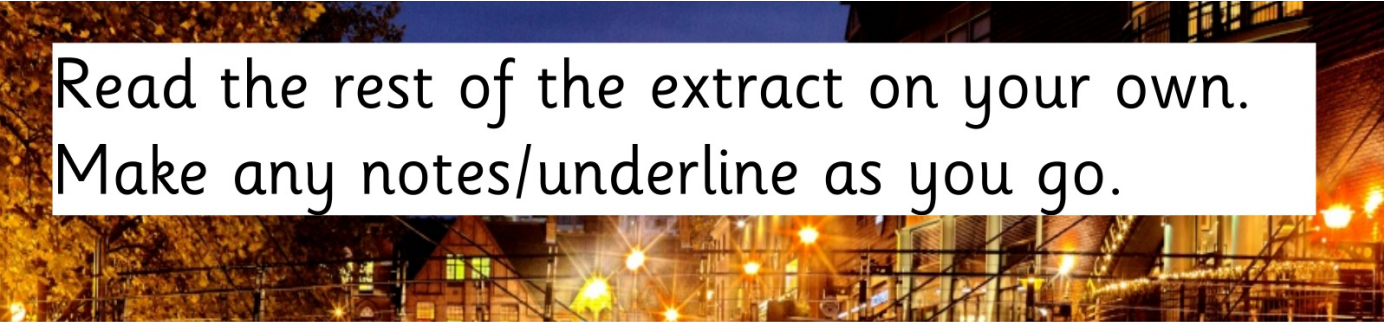
Challenge: write a new sentence for each word.



Read the first paragraph.

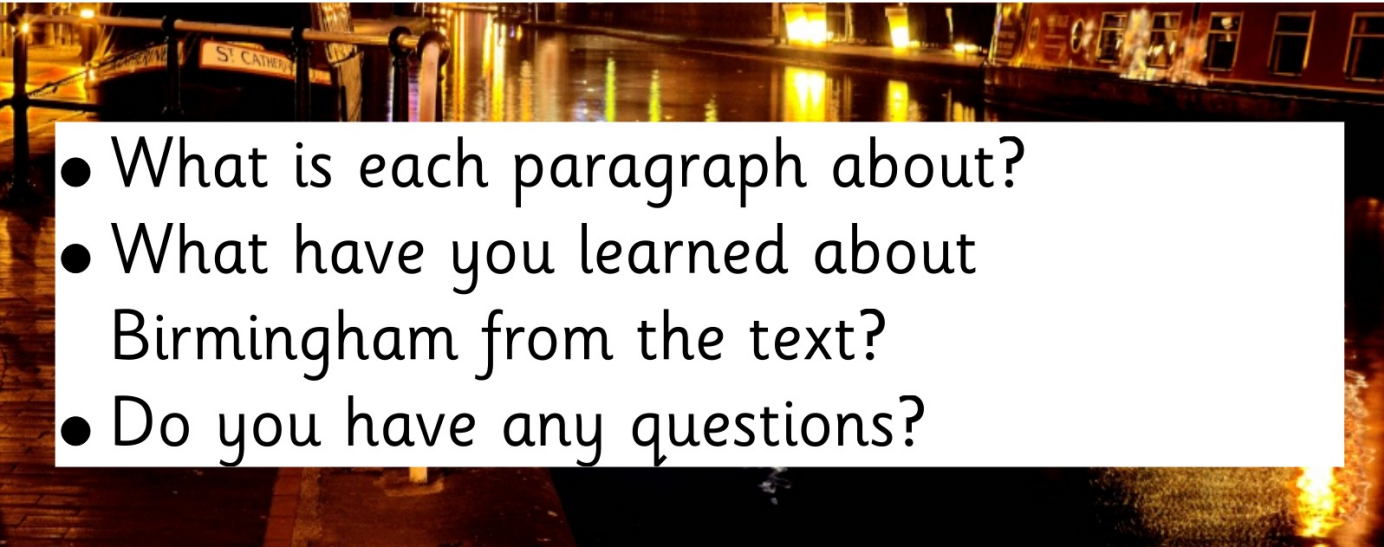
Birmingham's now more beautiful:  
There's clean air, water and light for  
people,  
And you can ride the city's buses  
(Today fuelled not by steam, but diesel)  
Past parks and little terraced streets.



A nighttime photograph of a city street. The scene is illuminated by warm, yellow streetlights. In the foreground, there is a metal railing or fence. In the background, buildings are visible, some of which are covered in scaffolding, suggesting construction or renovation work. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is urban and somewhat somber.

Read the rest of the extract on your own.  
Make any notes/underline as you go.

Make sure you can answer the following questions...

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- A nighttime photograph of a canal in Birmingham. The water is dark and reflects the warm lights from the buildings and streetlights on the banks. A bridge with a railing is visible in the foreground, and a sign on the railing reads "ST CATHERINE". The buildings on the right side of the canal have lit windows, and the overall scene is a classic urban canal view.
- What is each paragraph about?
  - What have you learned about Birmingham from the text?
  - Do you have any questions?

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Today you can row boats in Handsworth Park  
Or fish for perch and bream from Warwick Bar  
Ride ponies through a huge and ancient forest  
Or sail across Edgbaston Reservoir.

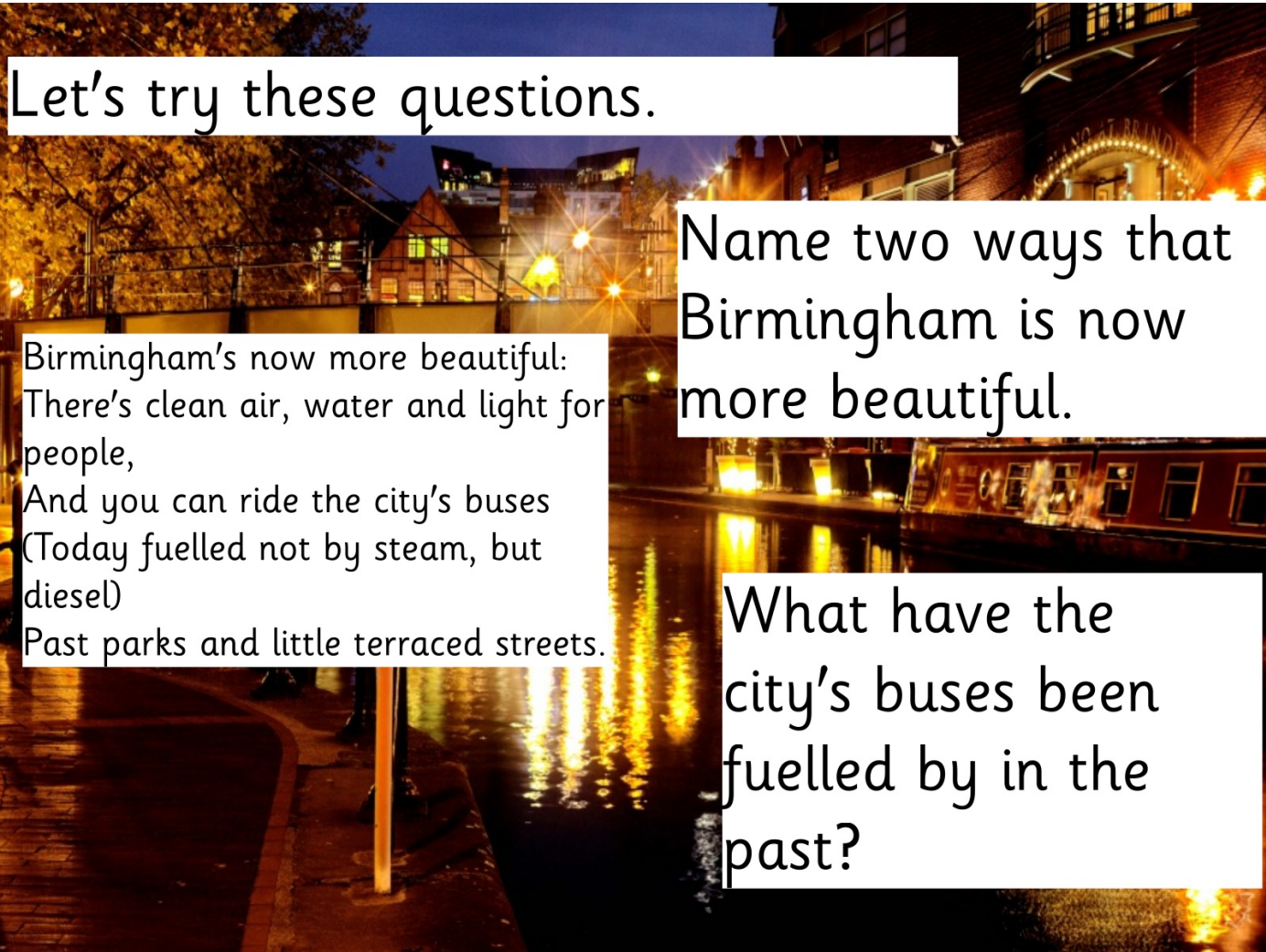
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And see chocolate being made in Bournville  
(Where, just outside the factory, you'll find  
You're on a huge lawn in the middle  
Of what was then a most amazing sight –  
Pleasant houses for working people).

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Today Bird's Custard Factory  
Hides an enormous metal dragon;  
The arches are still there, and here  
There's people working in the factory again  
But instead of tins of custard  
They make videos and film  
And at night down in the courtyard  
People dance round the fountain.



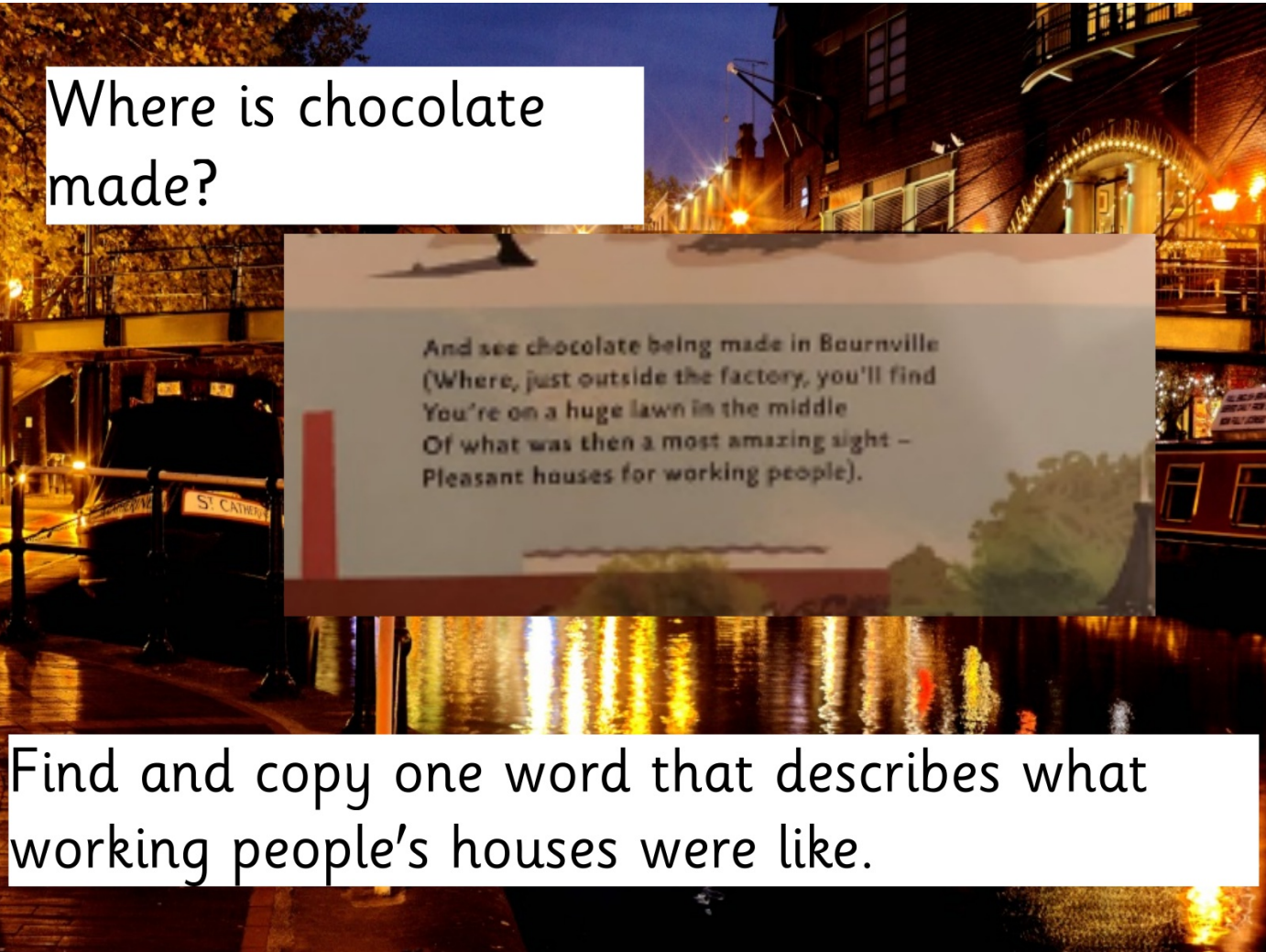


Let's try these questions.

Birmingham's now more beautiful:  
There's clean air, water and light for  
people,  
And you can ride the city's buses  
(Today fuelled not by steam, but  
diesel)  
Past parks and little terraced streets.

Name two ways that  
Birmingham is now  
more beautiful.

What have the  
city's buses been  
fuelled by in the  
past?

A nighttime photograph of a canal in Bournville, Birmingham. The water reflects the warm lights of the buildings and street lamps. On the left, a bridge with a sign that says 'ST CATHERINE' is visible. The buildings on the right are multi-story brick structures with lit-up windows and arches.

Where is chocolate made?

And see chocolate being made in Bournville  
(Where, just outside the factory, you'll find  
You're on a huge lawn in the middle  
Of what was then a most amazing sight –  
Pleasant houses for working people).

Find and copy one word that describes what working people's houses were like.

For these questions you can work together (quietly) in your partners.

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When directed, use scanning to locate specific information in both fiction and non-fiction texts.



Answer a range of retrieval questions relating to an age-appropriate text.



1. Choose one way which Birmingham is more beautiful.  
Clean air       Nicer houses       More supermarkets
2. Look on page 52.  
Where can you row boats?
3. Look at page 52.  
Where can you go fishing?
4. Look at page 53.  
Where is chocolate made?
5. Look at page 53.  
Houses for working people were horrible. **True or false?** How do you know?
6. Look at page 55.  
What do people do at night in the courtyard?

Use the text!  
Don't make it up.







Challenge Question: What different questions could you be asked about this text?

Write down 3 questions in your book.

