



Day 3

Which word has the same meaning, the opposite meaning or a completely different meaning to bustling?

Set 1:

quiet

bus

busy

Challenge set:

desolate

energetic

transport



Today we are going to read the last few pages of 'This is Birmingham'.



Read pages 57-59 on the next few slides.



You can write down any thoughts you have that help you to understand the text.





Make sure you can answer these questions for each paragraph:



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jostle = push, bump against someone, usually in a crowd.

thrush



"like big metallic mushrooms" is an example of figurative language

The city has a love affair with neon
And fireworks burn the night when you go out;
Giant cranes sprout up like big metallic mushrooms
And in the middle of the city thrushes sing.
Girls laugh and jostle, chattering like starlings;
The market's full of glorious cheap tat;
Instead of slums there's balconies and palm trees
And in this little river moorhens swim.

slums = where poor people live

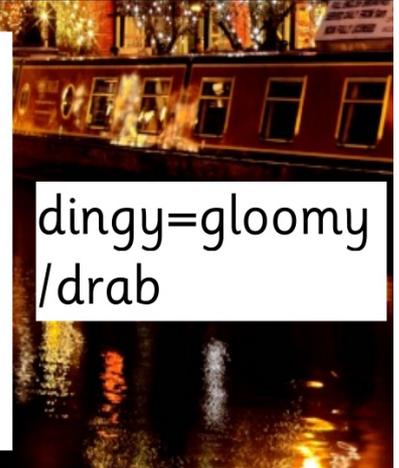
starling





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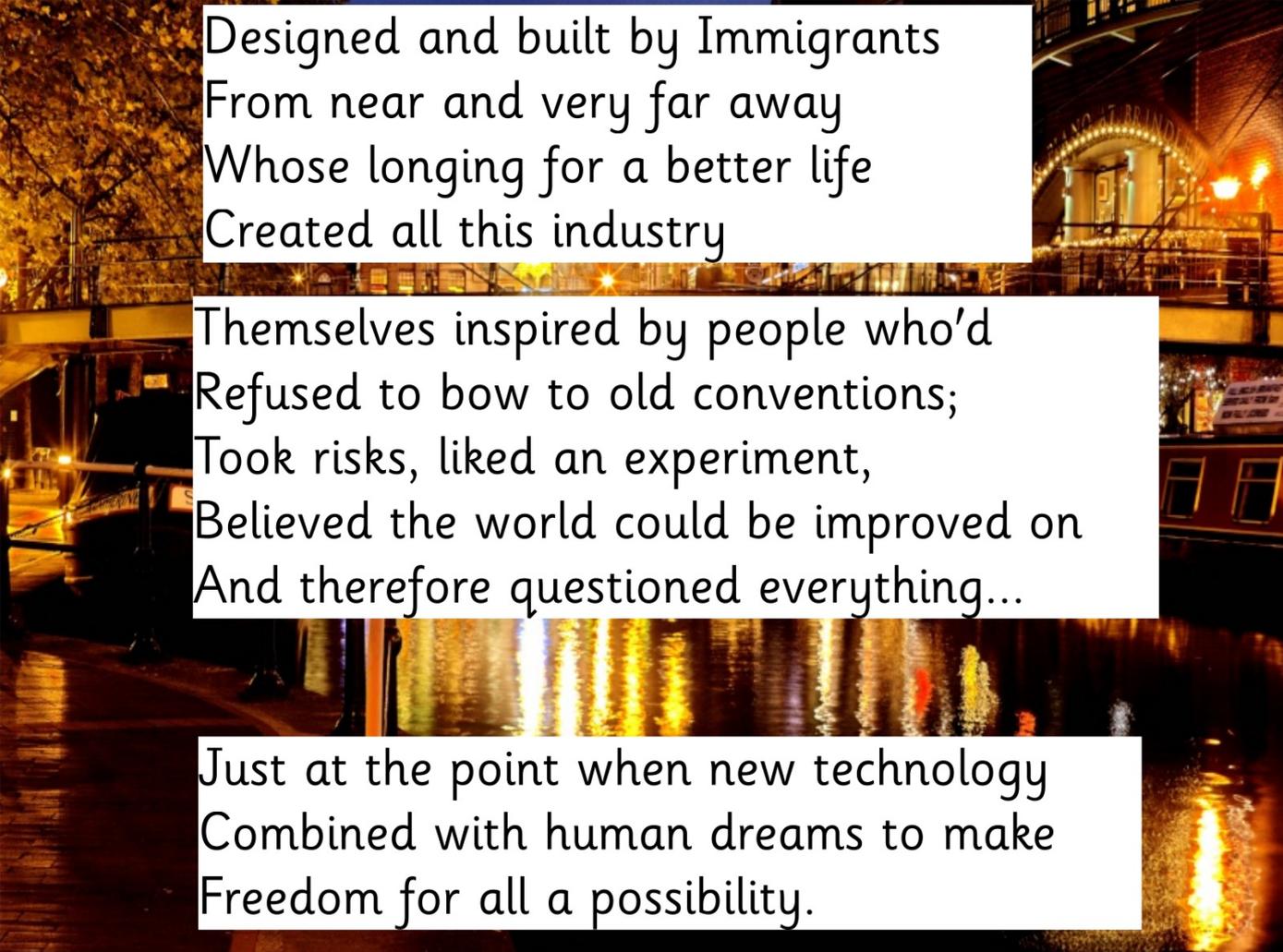
Today, instead of dingy and squalor
We've got electric lights and plumbing;
Schools and hospitals for people,
Concert halls and central heating,
Skyscrapers and stadiums and
Homes for millions more of us.



dingy=gloomy
/drab



squalor=very
dirty/unpleasant



Designed and built by Immigrants
From near and very far away
Whose longing for a better life
Created all this industry

Themselves inspired by people who'd
Refused to bow to old conventions;
Took risks, liked an experiment,
Believed the world could be improved on
And therefore questioned everything...

Just at the point when new technology
Combined with human dreams to make
Freedom for all a possibility.



Top Tips

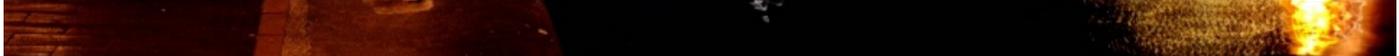
1. Scan the text, look for the key word from the question. Underline it.

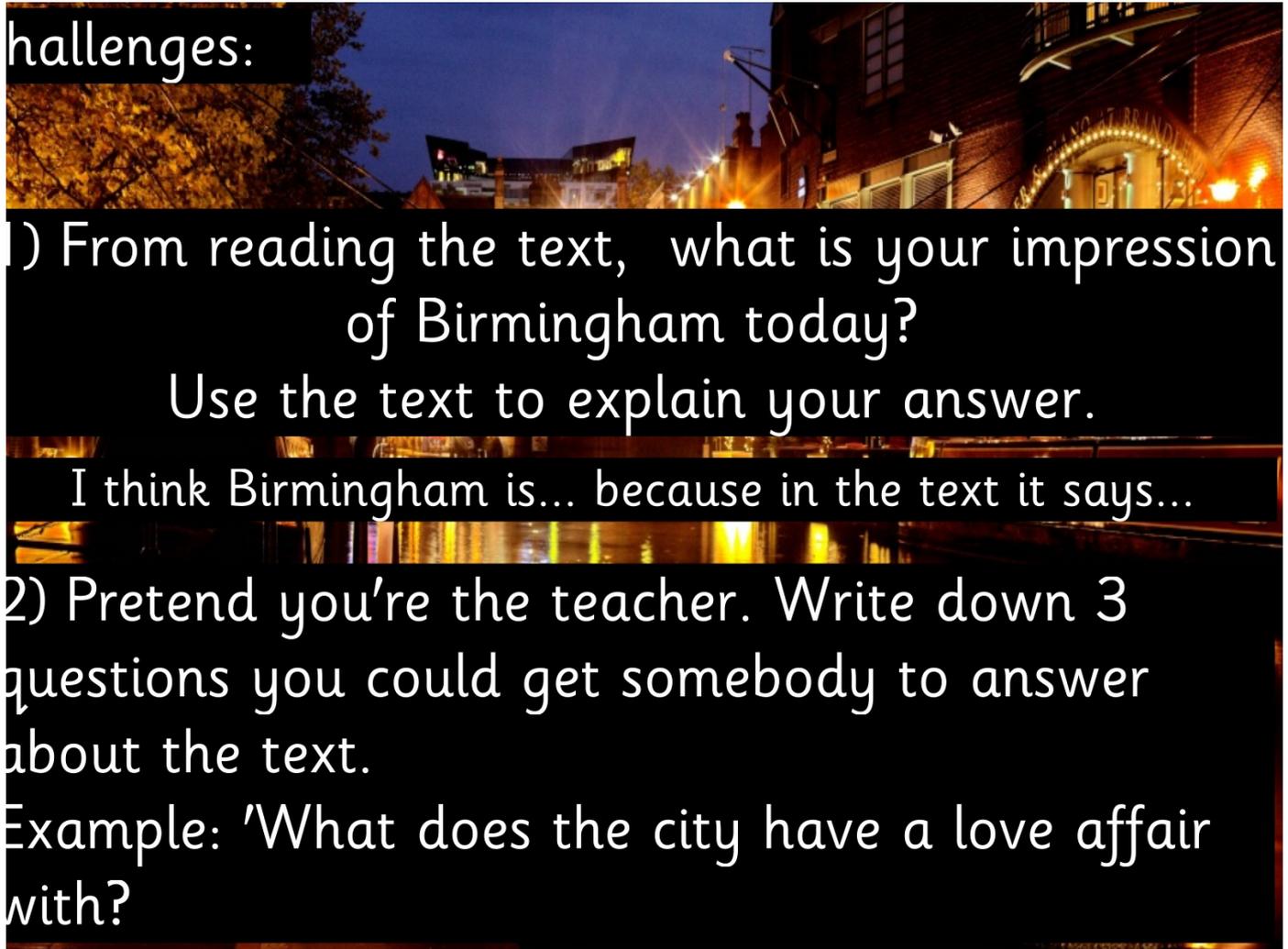


2. Read the whole line - can you find the answer?



3. Still can't find it? Go back to the start of the paragraph and read again - the answer is in there somewhere!





challenges:

1) From reading the text, what is your impression of Birmingham today?

Use the text to explain your answer.

I think Birmingham is... because in the text it says...

2) Pretend you're the teacher. Write down 3 questions you could get somebody to answer about the text.

Example: 'What does the city have a love affair with?'