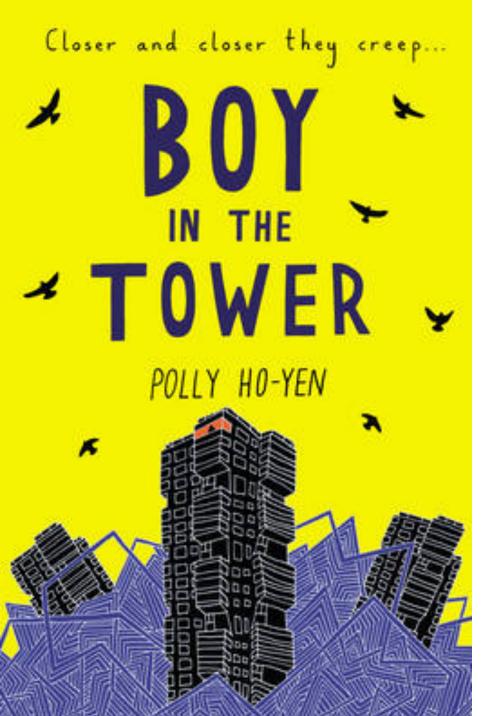
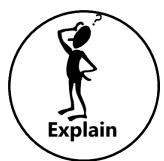


Boy in the Tower Lesson One

Prior Class Reading: up to and including Chapter One





What does the word vibrant mean?



How many birds are on the front cover?



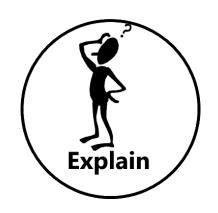
Using evidence from the front cover, why are the birds flying away?



How has the designer of this front cover made you want to read the book?

Vocabulary for Chapter 1

Can you come up with definitions for these words?



swaying

To move slowly and rhythmically

wispy

Fine and feathery (often about hair, threads, smoke)

stealthily

To do something secretively and cautiously

daze

Feeling stunned or confused

Speed Retrieval Challenge

The stain on the ceiling looked like:

A) A wiggly line

B) A wobbly circle

C) A wobbly mark



The roads are described as:

A) tiny-looking

B) minute-looking

C) miniature-looking

What colour were the bricks of the school?

A) Red

B) Grey

C) Brown

In Chapter 1, Polly Ho-Yen holds back lots of information from her reader. She leaves us with lots of unanswered questions.



Your Task

In your table, record quotes from the text which leave the reader asking questions.

Record what your questions are.

Example:

Quote from the text	The question it raises
"I wish I could wake up	What's happened to
to another Monday like	make him wish it was a
that."	cold, grey Monday?
"Those days are gone	What are the Bluchers
now that the Bluchers	and how did they
are here."	change day to day life?
"when mum wasn't well."	What's wrong with mum? Is she unwell a lot?

Example: Task 2:

Quote from the text	The question it raises
"I wish I could wake up to another Monday like that."	What's happened to make him wish it was a cold, grey Monday?