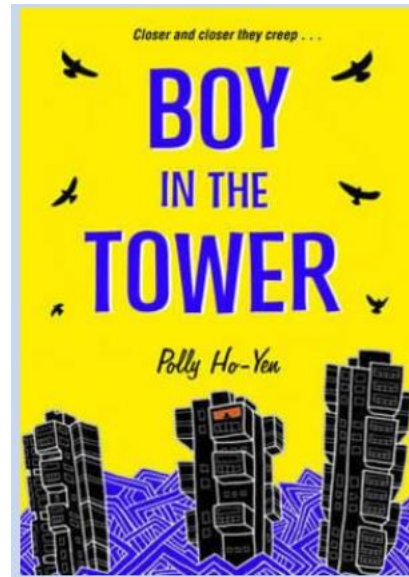


The Boy in the Tower

Y5 English Knowledge Organiser



ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	
stealthily	quietly/silently
shepherd	to guide/ direct
bicker	to argue or squabble
irritable	grouchy / bad tempered
apprehensive	worried
traumatic	Upsetting/ distressing
lure	To trap/ bait
barricade	Block/ fence
contamination	Infection/pollution
haul	drag/ tug
cluster	Group/gather

Features of mystery and suspense

- Simile and metaphor.
- Sentences that appeal to the senses.
- Short, snappy sentences.
- Ellipses

Context

- From the seventeenth floor of the tower block where he lives with his mother, Ade watches as the buildings fall around him. The Bluchers - a strange and terrible kind of plant - are taking over the city, and everyone is being forced to evacuate, but his mother is refusing to leave her room. And so, Ade watches alone as the city slowly empties and the bluchers creep ever closer.

Key Skills

- Identify how an author varies pace by using direct or reported speech
- comments on how a character is built and presented, referring to dialogue, action and description
- Develop some aspects of characterisation through what characters say and do
- Use vocabulary choice, word order, sentence length, sentence complexity and punctuation for effect
- control the length, pacing and detail in their writing

Key Characters

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Ade – a loyal and determined boy who lives with his mum in a flat in a London tower block. Mum – **Ade's mum** who is suffering from depression and refuses to leave their flat.
Gaia – Ade's best friend at school who lives in the tower block opposite Ade's.
Dory – an old woman who lives in Ade's tower block. Obi – the caretaker of Ade's tower block. Ben – a man who lives in Gaia's tower block

Final Written Outcome

To write further chapters with a "cliffhanger" ending.