

## Story starter



- ▶ The scroll had arrived; carrying the news he had been dreading. Patiently, the messenger beat his wings, hovering, waiting for further orders.
- ▶ He took a moment for the news to sink in. The time for talking was over.
- ▶ He felt a knot of fear in his stomach, but this fear was a good sign. Fear meant he was alert. Fear meant his mind was sharp.
- ▶ As he stepped forward boldly, a sign of his confidence in his own strength, bright rays of morning sunlight glistened and danced across his midnight black armour. Honour, loyalty, courage: these were the values of the samurai, and they meant more to him than anything.
- ▶ It was time...

## Sentence challenge!

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Independent clauses can be simple sentences on their own.

Can you use a semi-colon to mark the boundary between independent clauses?

E.g. It was a beautiful day; sunlight poured down through the clouds.



## Question time!



- ▶ Who has brought the scroll to the samurai?
- ▶ What does the scroll contain?
- ▶ Why is the samurai dressed as he is?
- ▶ What will he do now that he has received the message?
- ▶ Who is the message from?
- ▶ Is he the only character dressed like this?
- ▶ What is he carrying on his back?
- ▶ What might the symbol mean?

## Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help?

- ▶ The samurai wore armour and carried his swords. The wasp flew towards him.



## Perfect picture!

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Imagine your job was to design armour. Draw or describe what the perfect suit of armour might look like.

