

Creature

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 53 followed by a bald, egg-shaped head. The creature
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 80 bowed, branch-like legs. It was wearing a silk tunic
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 120 held a purple eye, flecked with yellow. It was looking
 123 directly at Billy.



Questions



- Find and copy the phrase that suggests the beeps were quiet.



- Draw **four** lines to match the body part to its description.

head	•	•	silvery
skin	•	•	bowed
legs	•	•	purple, flecked with yellow
eye	•	•	bald



- Which simile does the author use to describe the creature's skin?

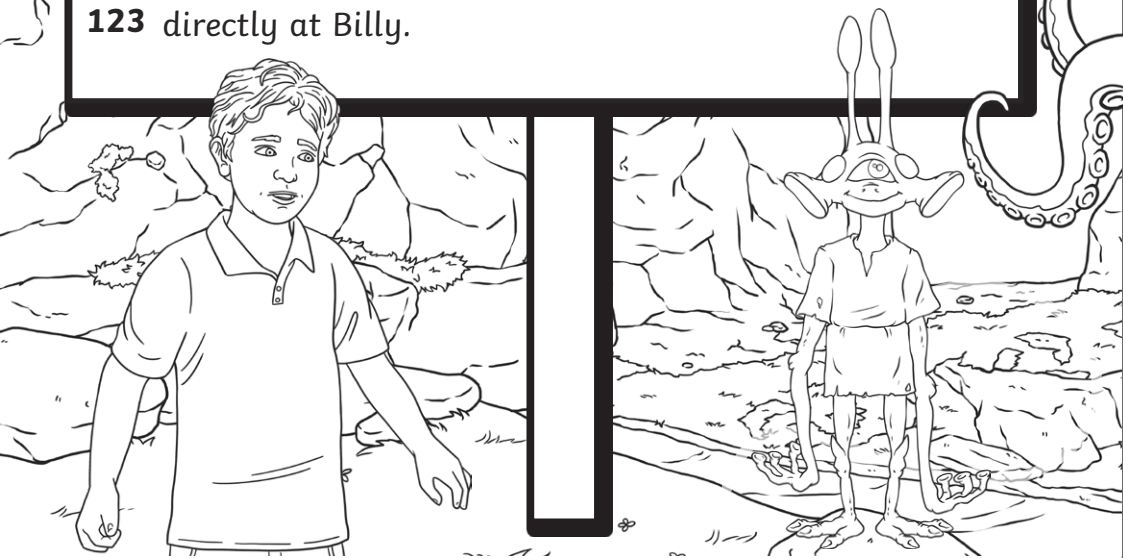


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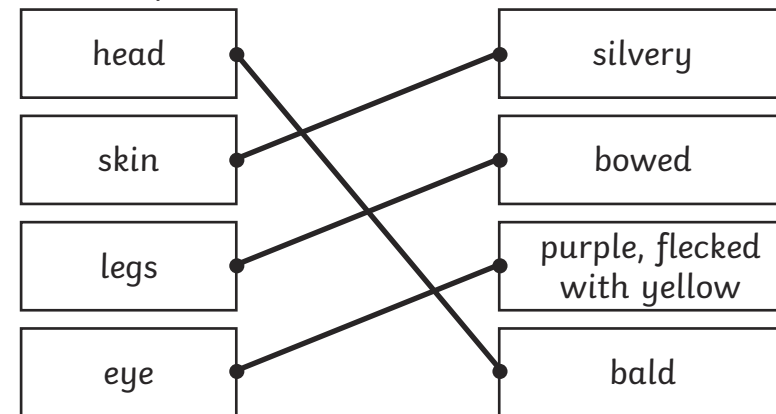


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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Billy will run away from the creature because when he saw the eye his heart started to beat furiously, which suggests that he is scared.