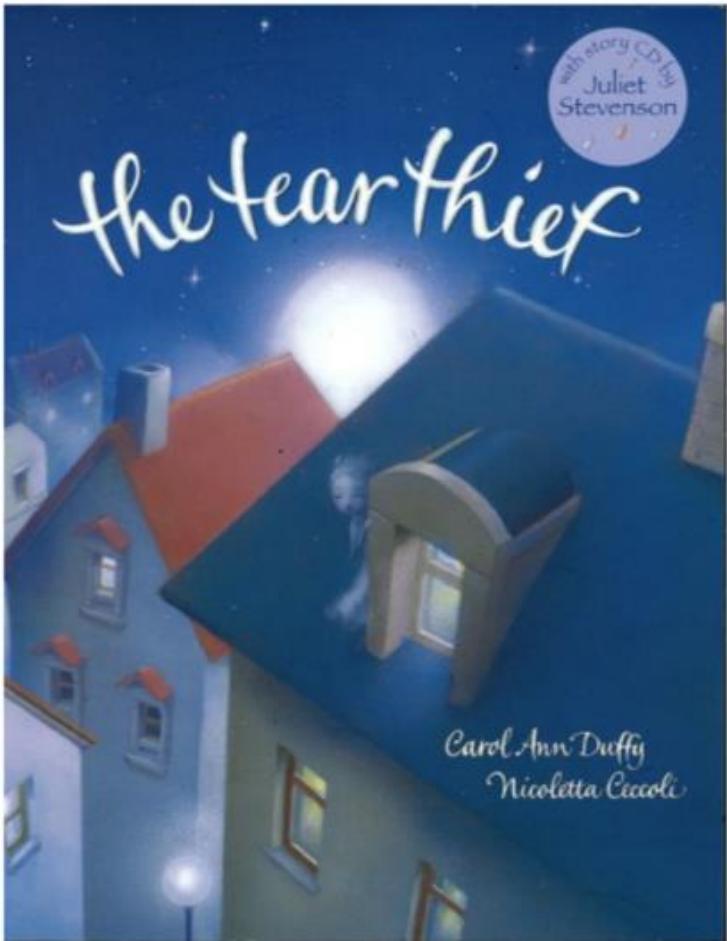


Lesson 2- Tuesday 2nd March

We are going to be continuing to look at... The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy.



Each day, we will read a part of the book and complete a writing activity. If you are a confident reader you can read the words yourself. However, there are some tricky words in this story so we have recorded our voices reading, you can just click on the speaker icon to hear the words.

Click here to hear the story so far...





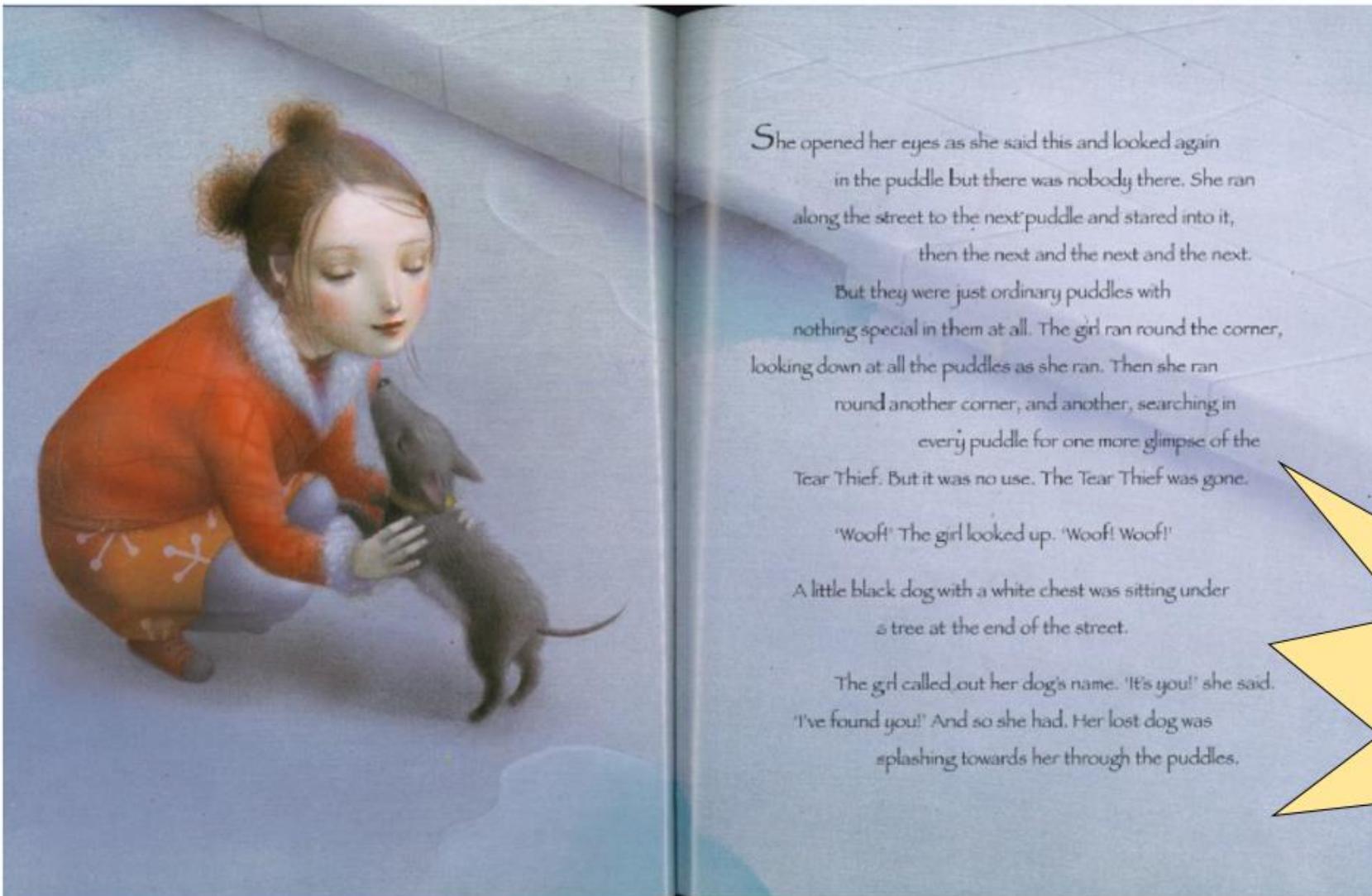
So the girl closed her eyes and the Tear Thief gathered the tears from her eyelashes and cheeks as she whispered to her:

'Each night, in the hour between supper and bedtime,
I visit a different street and I steal the tears of every
child who cries. When my sack is full, I climb up to the moon
and I pour my sack of tears into the moon's light. The
light of the moon is made from tears of laughter or pain or anger
or boredom, from every kind of tear you can think of –
but the most beautiful part of the
moon's light comes,
from tears of pure
sadness. And that is
what your tears are.'

'Yes,' said the girl.
'It's because I've
lost my little dog.'



What does the Tear Thief do
with the tears that she steals?



She opened her eyes as she said this and looked again
in the puddle but there was nobody there. She ran
along the street to the next puddle and stared into it,
then the next and the next and the next.
But they were just ordinary puddles with
nothing special in them at all. The girl ran round the corner,
looking down at all the puddles as she ran. Then she ran
round another corner, and another, searching in
every puddle for one more glimpse of the
Tear Thief. But it was no use. The Tear Thief was gone.

'Woof!' The girl looked up. 'Woof! Woof!'

A little black dog with a white chest was sitting under
a tree at the end of the street.

The girl called out her dog's name. 'It's you!' she said.
'I've found you!' And so she had. Her lost dog was
splashing towards her through the puddles.



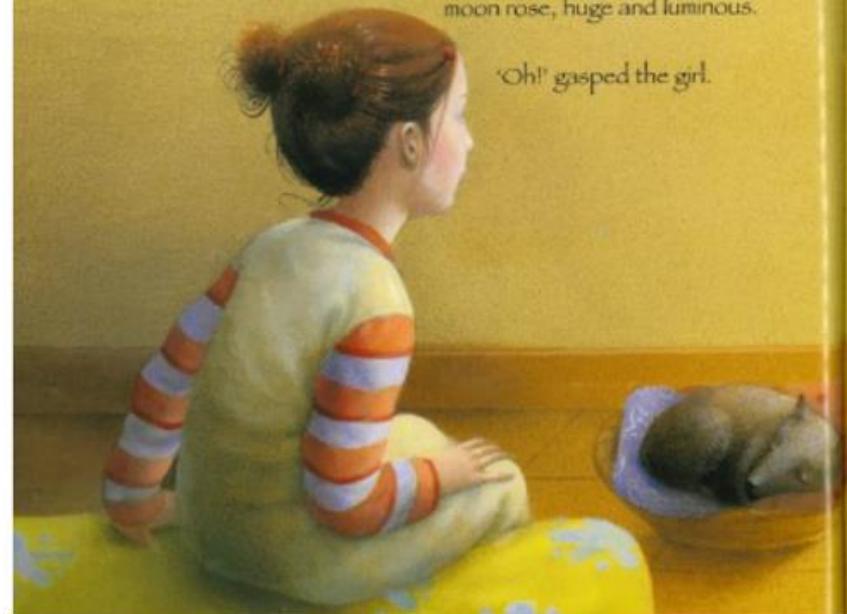
How does the girl feel now?
How have her feelings changed?



The girl was safely tucked up in bed and the dog
was safely curled up in his basket. The rain had
stopped completely now and all the puddles
were shrinking. The night was calm and quiet. The girl always
left her curtains open so that she could see
the star she was born under if she opened her eyes.

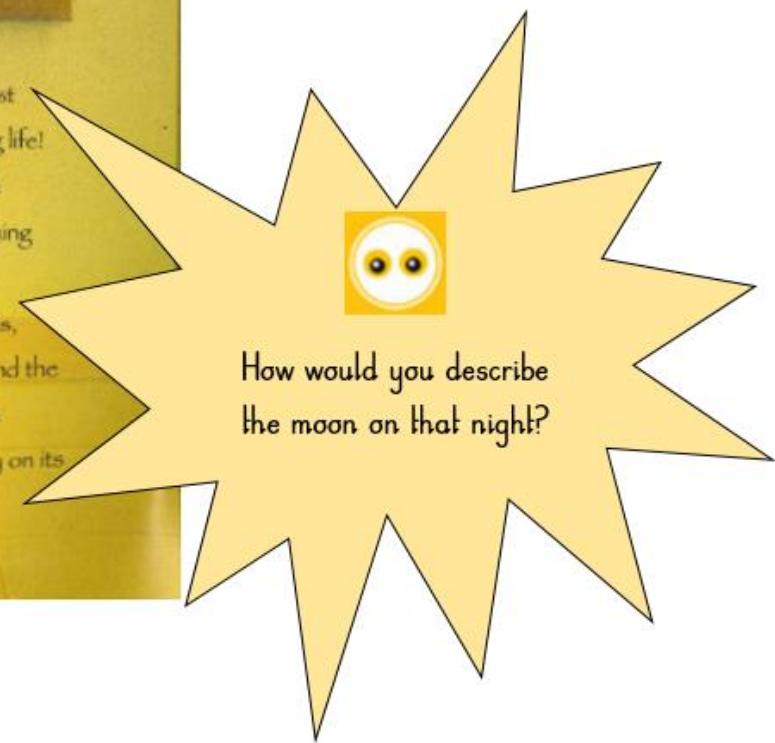
She opened them now. Out of her window a full
moon rose, huge and luminous.

'Oh!' gasped the girl.



She got out of bed and went to the window. It was the most
beautiful moon she had ever seen in her whole young life!
Light poured from it in a million different moonbeams. The
girl saw the light of the moon in her garden, turning
the leaves on the trees to silver. Beyond that, she
saw the light of the moon on the rooftops of all the houses,
like honey. A midnight cat walked along a wall and the
light of the moon made its eyes burn gold. The whole
town moon-bathed as it slept. The river lay on its
back and gazed up at the moon, dazzled and lovesick.

How would you describe
the moon on that night?

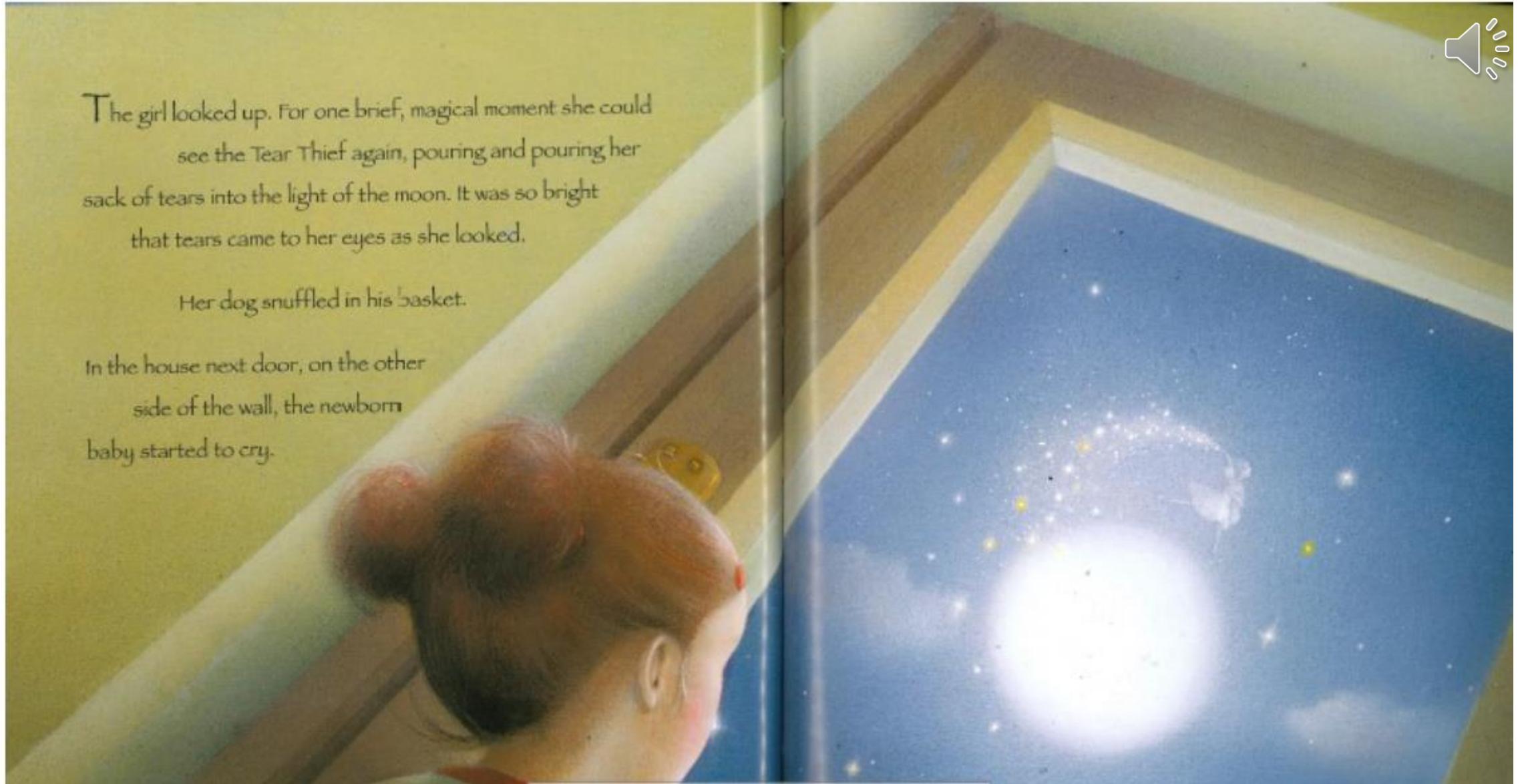


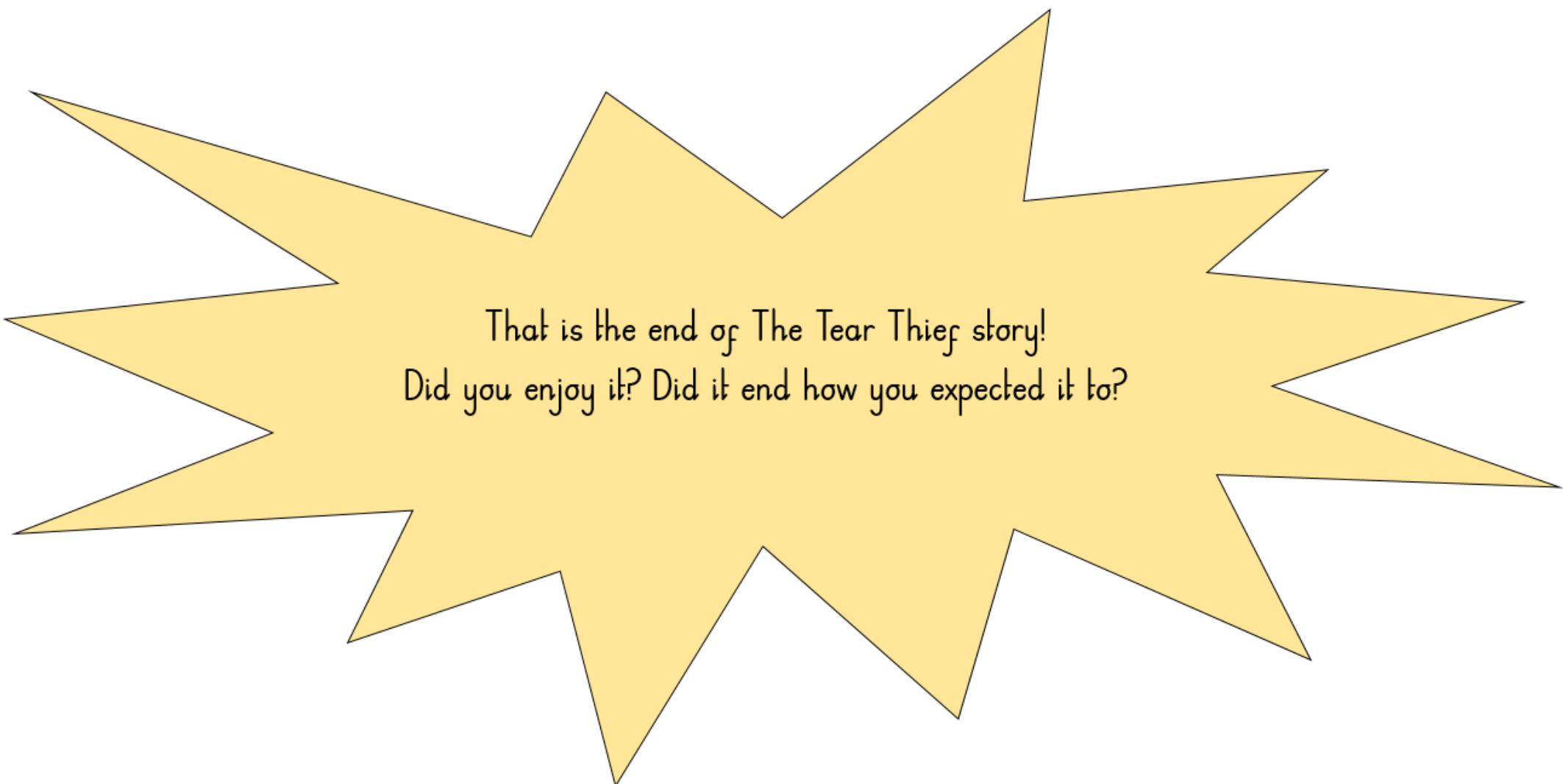


The girl looked up. For one brief, magical moment she could see the Tear Thief again, pouring and pouring her sack of tears into the light of the moon. It was so bright that tears came to her eyes as she looked.

Her dog snuffled in his basket.

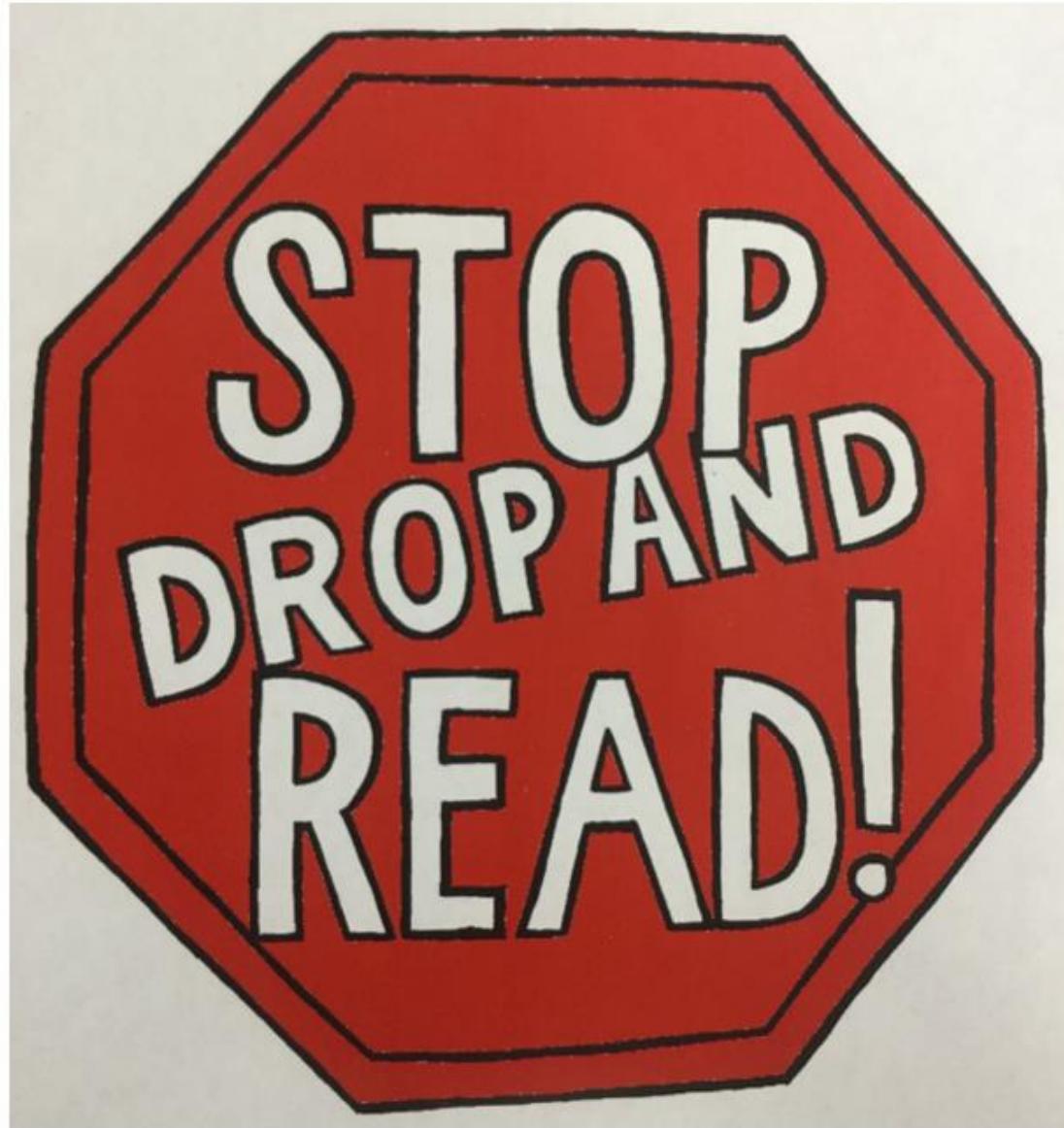
In the house next door, on the other side of the wall, the newborn baby started to cry.





That is the end of The Tear Thief story!
Did you enjoy it? Did it end how you expected it to?

Now...



... before we start today's task!

Your task today is to draft your blurb!

We learned all about blurbs yesterday so we are going to use those four features to help us today. You need to answer the questions in your book in full sentences. By the end of the lesson you should have written your blurb (by answering the questions in order) and used at least one **exclamation mark**, one **question mark**, one **ellipsis** and plenty of exciting words!

Your questions to answer:

1. Who is the Tear Thief? What does she look like? 
2. What does the Tear Thief do? 
3. One day, who does she meet? Why is that girl crying and why are those tears so special? 
4. Think of one or two questions to ask the reader to make them wonder about the story. 

The Tear Thief is a mystical, silent creature with white, spiky hair and a handkerchief dress, although she can only be seen in the reflection of puddles. This silent character creeps around towns taking the tears of children and putting them into her silvery sack.

One day, she spots a poor, devastated girl who has lost her dog. The tears catch the excited eye of the Tear Thief, who takes them to the moon to make it shine like a dozen dazzling diamonds!

Will the girl ever be happy again?

This magical adventure continues through the beautiful moonlit night...

Deepen the Moment:
Use alliteration , rhyme  or a simile  to capture the interest of the audience!