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Guided reading – WALT use a dictionary to write the definition of unknown words

WALT - retrieve and infer to answer comprehension questions

## My Cousin is a Time Traveller

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He was out there now, no doubt rescuing some small child from a rampaging robot, or catching a falling plane, or rounding up some criminal kingpin and his henchmen.

There was a distant rumble and the horizon burst into light, the explosion sending bright-orange flames into the sky to silhouette the rooftops of our home town of Bromley.

Had to be Zack.

I might learn the details of tonight's adventure when he returned later, but in all likelihood the only thing I'd get from him would be a grunt as he pushed past me to the fridge for a snack. He was always hungry after a mission. That was his style: peckish after, and reluctant before. He'd never wanted the responsibility of being a superhero, not from that first moment when a purple-caped, egg-headed alien called Zorbon the Decider had chosen him to save the world. Zack couldn't see the point of having powers and it was never far from his thoughts. Earlier that evening he'd brought it up for the gazillionth time.

"And another thing," he'd said as we washed up the dinner dishes together. "Superheroes are expensive."

"But you don't get paid," I reminded him.

Use a dictionary to find the definition of the following words –

rampaging, henchmen, peckish,

1. Select the word which shows Jack mentioned his powers more than once.
2. What job does Jack have?
3. How do you think the narrator is related to Jack?
4. How does Jack feel about the job that he does? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
5. What do you think that Jack's super powers are? Why do you think this?