Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone

V – Vocabulary.

I – Inference.

P – Prediction.

E –Explanation.

R – Retrieval

S – Summarise/ Sequence.

Summary: In the snowy kingdom of Erkenwald, whales glide between icebergs, wolves hunt on the tundra and polar bears roam the glaciers. But the people of this land aren't so easy to find - because Erkenwald is ruled by an evil Ice Queen and the tribes must stay hidden or risk becoming her prisoners at Winterfang Palace.
Join Eska, a girl who breaks free from a cursed music box, and Flint, a boy whose inventions could change the fate of Erkenwald forever, as they journey to the Never Cliffs and beyond in search of an ancient, almost forgotten, song with the power to force the Ice Queen back.

Example VIPER questions/ sequence:

Predict what you think is going to happen in this chapter.

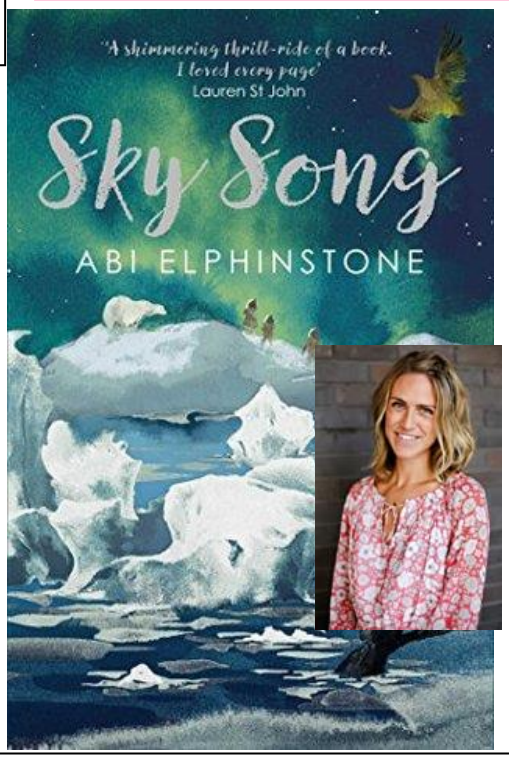
What do these words mean? Can you think of a synonym for the word delighted?

When does the sun shine?

Order the events of this chapter.

What do you think the atmosphere is like at this point in time?

Explain why the author has used this word. What is the impact on the author?



Main Characters:

Eska **Flint**

The Ice Queen

Balapan - a golden eagle

Pebble - an artic fox pup

Author info: Abi Elphinstone grew up in Scotland where she spent most of her childhood running wild across the moors, hiding in tree houses and building dens in the woods. After being coaxed out of her tree house, she studied English at Bristol University and then worked as an English teacher in Africa, Berkshire and London. She is now a bestselling and multi-award shortlisted author.

My book Review:

How much did you enjoy reading this book?

1	2	3	4	5
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Would you recommend this book?

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Never		Maybe		Definitely	

Key themes/ messages:

Acceptance

Tolerance

Friendship

Adventure

Books by the same author:

- Jungle Drop – released in October
- Ever Dark
- The Dream Snatcher
- The Shadow Keeper
- The Night Spinner
- Rumble Star

Key vocab:

kingdom, icebergs, snow caps, constellation, legendary, tribe, igloos, glacier, anthem, midwinter, tundra, orb, aurora, conjured

Main moments:

All parents have become the Ice Queen's prisoners

There is a prophecy that tells of the Sky Song

More reading time activities:

Pobble 365
Non-fiction text on the Arctic/ Antarctic
Monster cloze to focus on grammar.
Fluency.

How to be a good reader:

- Use intonation, volume and tone
- Justify your views
- Take part in discussions
- Explore the meaning of new words