**Class Schedule**

1. Vocab Bingo! (15 mins)
2. Opening Activity (10 mins)
3. Read extract (10 mins)
4. Comprehension questions (15 mins)
5. Read through new vocab (10 mins)

**Vocab Bingo!**

* Follow the link in the chat to access your bingo card! First person to fill in a line wins!

**Opening Activity**

1. Barren
2. Abode
3. Constant
4. Summit
5. Wound
6. Wasteful
7. Unorthodox
8. Hygienic
9. Limb
10. Origin
11. An injury caused by a cut or blow
12. An arm or a leg of a person or animal
13. Using or expending something carelessly or extravagantly
14. (of land) too poor to produce much or any vegetation
15. Being clean and sanitary, conducive to maintaining health and preventing disease
16. The point or place where something begins or is derived
17. Contrary to what is usual, traditional or accepted
18. The highest point of a hill or mountain
19. A place of residence; a house or home
20. Occurring continuously over a period of time

**How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell**

1. FIRST CATCH YOUR DRAGON

Long ago, on the wild and windy isle of Berk, a smallish Viking with a longish name stood up to his ankles in snow.

**Hiccup** Horrendous Haddock the Third, the Hope and **Heir** to the Tribe of the Hairy **Hooligans**, had been feeling slightly sick ever since he woke up that morning.

Ten boys, including Hiccup, were hoping to become full members of the Tribe by passing the Dragon **Initiation** Program. They were standing on a **bleak** little beach at the bleakest spot on the whole bleak island. A heavy snow was falling.

"PAY ATTENTION!" screamed Gobber the Belch, the soldier in charge of teaching Initiation. "This will be your first military operation, and Hiccup will be commanding the team."

"Oh, not Hic-cup," groaned Dogsbreath the Duhbrain and most of the other boys. "You can't put Hiccup in charge, sir, he's USELESS."

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third, the Hope and Heir to the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, wiped his nose miserably on his sleeve. He sank a little deeper into the snow.

"ANYBODY would be better than Hiccup," **sneered** Snotface Snotlout. "Even Fishlegs would be better than Hiccup."

Fishlegs had a squint that made him as blind as a jellyfish, and an allergy to reptiles.

"SILENCE!" roared Gobber the Belch. "The next boy to speak has **limpets** for lunch for the next THREE WEEKS!"

There was absolute silence immediately. Limpets are a bit like worms and a bit like snot and a lot less tasty than either.

"Hiccup will be in charge and that is an order!" screamed Gobber, who didn't do noises quieter than screaming. He was a seven-foot giant with a mad **glint** in his one working eye and a beard like exploding fireworks. Despite the freezing cold he was wearing hairy shorts and a teeny weeny deerskin vest that showed off his lobster-red skin and bulging muscles. He was holding a flaming torch in one gigantic fist.

"Hiccup will be leading you, although he is, **admittedly**, completely useless, because Hiccup is the son of the CHIEF, and that's the way things go with us Vikings. Where do you think you are, the **REPUBLIC** OF ROME? Anyway, that is the least of your problems today. You are here to prove yourself as a Viking Hero. And it is an ancient **tradition** of the Hooligan Tribe that you should—" Gobber paused **dramatically**—

"FIRST CATCH YOUR DRAGON!"

Ohhhhhh suffering **scallops**, thought Hiccup.

"Our dragons are what set us apart!" **bellowed** Gobber. "Lesser humans train hawks to hunt for them, horses to carry them. It is only the VIKING HEROES who dare to **tame** the wildest, most dangerous creatures on Earth."

Gobber spat **solemnly** into the snow. "There are three parts to the Dragon Initiation Test. The first and most dangerous part is a test of your courage and skill at **burglary**. If you wish to enter the Hairy Hooligan Tribe, you must first catch your dragon. And that is WHY," continued Gobber, at full volume, "I have brought you to this **scenic** spot. Take a look at Wild Dragon Cliff itself"

The ten boys tipped their heads backward.

The cliff **loomed** **dizzyingly** high above them, black and sinister. In summer you could barely even see the cliff as dragons of all shapes and sizes swarmed over it, snapping and biting and sending up a **cacophony** of noise that could be heard all over Berk.

But in winter the dragons were **hibernating** and the cliff fell silent, except for the **ominous**, low rumble of their snores. Hiccup could feel the vibrations through his sandals.

"Now," said Gobber, "do you notice those four caves about halfway up the cliff, grouped roughly in the shape of a skull?"

"Inside the cave that would be the right eye of the skull is the Dragon Nursery, where there are, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, three thousand young dragons having their last few weeks of winter sleep."

"OOOOOOOH," muttered the boys excitedly.

Hiccup swallowed hard. He happened to know considerably more about dragons than anybody else there. Ever since he was a small boy, he'd been fascinated by the creatures. He'd spent hour after long hour dragon watching in secret. (Dragon-spotters were thought to be geeks and nerds, hence the need for secrecy.) And what Hiccup had learned about dragons told him that walking into a cave with three thousand dragons in it was an act of madness.

No one else seemed too concerned, however.

"In a few minutes I want you to take one of these baskets and start climbing the cliff," commanded Gobber the Belch. "Once you are at the cave entrance, you are on your own. I am too large to squeeze my way into the tunnels that lead to the Dragon Nursery. You will enter the cave QUIETLY—and that means you too, Wartihog, unless you want to become the first spring meal for three thousand hungry dragons, HA HA HA HA!?

Gobber laughed **heartily** at his little joke, then continued. "Dragons this size are normally fairly harmless to man, but in these numbers they will set upon you like **piranhas**. There'd be nothing left of even a fatso like you, Wartihog—just a pile of bones and your helmet. HA HA HA HA! So . . . you will walk QUIETLY through the cave and each boy will steal ONE sleeping dragon. Lift the dragon GENTLY from the rock and place it in your basket. Any questions so far?"

Nobody had any questions.

"In the unlikely event that you DO wake the dragons—and you would have to be IDIOTICALLY STUPID to do so—run like thunder for the entrance to the cave. Dragons do not like cold weather and the snow will probably stop them in their tracks."

Probably? thought Hiccup. Oh, well, that's reassuring.

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Summarise the chapter in two sentences.
2. Describe the setting of the chapter, including time and place.
3. What is the first part of the Dragon Initiation Test?
4. What are the physical descriptions of the boys in the test?
5. Who is the protagonist and who is the antagonist of this chapter?
6. Why was hiccup special?

**Vocabulary**

* *Define each word, put it into one of four categories (noun, adjective, verb or adverb) and, where applicable, note down a synonym or antonym.*

1. Hiccup – an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm resulting in a gulping sound; a temporary or minor setback
2. Heir
3. Hooligan – a young and violent troublemaker
4. Initiation
5. Bleak – charmless and inhospitable; cold and miserable
6. Sneer – a contemptuous or mocking smile
7. Limpets – a marine mollusc
8. Glint – a small flash of light
9. Admittedly – used to express a concession or recognition that something is the case
10. Republic – a sate in which supreme power is held by the people and their representatives
11. Tradition
12. Dramatically
13. Scallop – an edible mollusc
14. Bellow – emit a deep loud roar, typically in pain or anger
15. Lesser – not so great or important as the rest
16. Tame – not dangerous; domesticated
17. Solemnly – in a formal and dignified manner
18. Burglary
19. Scenic – impressive beautiful natural scenery
20. Loom – appear large and threatening
21. Dizzyingly
22. Cacophony
23. Hibernate – spend the winter in a dormant state
24. Ominous – giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen
25. Heartily – in a hearty man; loud, vigorous and cheerful
26. Piranhas

**Homework**

* Revise the vocabulary we have learned today.
* In the first two chapters the main character, Hiccup, is confronted with a most difficult challenge - and one that he must endure in the face of ridicule from several other boys. Describe a time in your own life when you (or a friend) were faced with a difficult challenge using ten words from the vocab list.