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ClarifyingWarm-up #1

Directions

1. Read the excerpt below.
2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified: W (word), S (sentence), ? (I'm not sure),  (can't visualize this)
3. Write your clarification in a complete sentence.
4. Write one literal question:

The ancient Sumerians were the first to develop a written language. They wrote thin wedges and symbols onto soft clay that would later harden into very tough clay tablets. Their skill in writing helped the Sumerians develop trade with other countries.

I need to have _____ clarified.

(Insert Symbol)

I don't quite understand _____.


(Explain what you don't understand)

Could you please help me with that?

My literal question is _____?

Warm-up #2

Directions

1. Read the excerpt below. It is a riddle poem, see if you can figure out what Tolkien is talking about.
2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified.
W (word), S (sentence), ? (I'm not sure),  (can't visualize this)
3. Use your academic language and ask for clarification in a complete sentence. Also, ask your teacher for the answer!

- I. Alive without breath, As cold as death;
Never thirsty, ever drinking, All in mail, never clinking.
-J.R.R. Tolkien

I need to have _____ clarified.

(Insert Symbol)

I don't quite understand _____.


(Explain what you don't understand)

Could you please help me with that?

I think the answer to the riddle is _____. Is that right?

Warm-up #3

Directions

1. Read the excerpt below.
2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified.
W (word), S (sentence), ? (I'm not sure),  (can't visualize this)
3. Write your clarification in a complete sentence.
4. Write one inferential question:

The minotaur was a brutal and aggressive creature. It had the muscular body of a man and the head of a savage bull. The Minotaur was such a fearsome creature that the King of Crete, King Minos, constructed an extensive and complex labyrinth to contain it. At its center was the Minotaur. The monster was eventually killed by the Greek Hero Theseus.

I need to have _____ clarified.

(Insert Symbol)

I don't quite understand _____.


(Explain what you don't understand)

Could you please help me with that?

My inferential question is _____?

Warm-up #4

Directions

1. Read the excerpt below. It is a riddle poem, see if you can figure out what Tolkien is talking about.
2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified:
W (word), S (sentence), ? (I'm not sure),  (can't visualize this)
3. Use your academic language and ask for clarification in a complete sentence. Also, ask your teacher for the answer!

- I. Voiceless it cries, Wingless flutters,
Toothless bites, Mouthless mutters.
-J.R.R. Tolkien

I need to have _____ clarified.

(Insert Symbol)

I don't quite understand _____.

(Explain what you don't understand)

I think the answer to the riddle is _____. Is that right?