

Thursday 28th January Reading Comprehension

The Sorting Hat Song

This extract is taken from Chapter 7 of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

A rip near the brim opened wide like a mouth – and the hat began to sing:

Oh you may not think I'm pretty,
But don't judge on what you see,
I'll eat myself if you can find,
A smarter hat than me.
You can keep your bowlers black,
Your top hats sleek and tall,
For I'm the Hogwarts Sorting Hat
And I can cap them all.
There's nothing hidden in your head
The Sorting Hat can't see,
So try me on and I will tell you
Where you ought to be.
You might belong in Gryffindor,
Where dwell the brave at heart,
Their daring, nerve and chivalry
Set Gryffindor's apart;
You might belong in Hufflepuff,
Where they are just and loyal,
Those patient Hufflepuffs are true
And unafraid of toil;
Or yet in wise old Ravenclaw,
If you've a ready mind,
Where those of wit and learning,
Will always find their kind;
Or perhaps in Slytherin
You'll make your real friends,
Those cunning folk use any means
To achieve their ends.
So put me on! Don't be afraid!
And don't get in a flap!
You're in safe hands (though I have none)
For I'm a Thinking Cap!



Questions

The Sorting hat song mentions the characteristics of each Hogwarts house. Jot them down in the relevant box below with definitions of the words that are unfamiliar. Then decide which house you would be in and why.

 Slytherin	 Gryffindor
 Ravenclaw	 Hufflepuff