

How to Trap the Iron Man

Are you kept awake by the sound of something tramping through your garden? Do you lie in your bed trembling at the sound of another car being squashed? Do you awake to smashed walls and footprints in the flower beds? Do you live in fear of what might await you round the corner? Do your knees knock at the thought of a walk to the corner shop? If so, the likelihood is that you have the Iron Man in the neighbourhood! Do not despair. Help is at hand. The Iron Man is not so hard to defeat, as he is rather dim-witted. Read these step-by-step instructions and soon you too could be rid of this terrible pest.

What you will need:

- a spade
- a brown sheet
- tent pegs
- a sack of leaves
- some branches
- plenty of soil
- a large lump of metal (maybe a lorry or a tractor)

What you have to do:

1. First, you must dig a very large and deep hole. (This needs to be deep enough to hold the Iron Man.)
2. Secondly, you must cover the hole with a brown sheet that is pinned securely by tent pegs into the earth's crust.
3. After that, scatter leaves, a few branches and enough soil on top of the sheet to cover it.
4. Now you have to tempt the Iron Man by placing a large piece of metal close to the sheet.
5. Hide nearby and patiently wait for his arrival.
6. Soon the tempting smell of the metal warming in the sun will reach the nostrils of his nose.
7. Eventually, the Iron Man will come along and try to get the lorry.
8. In the end it will not be able to resist the food and therefore will fall straight into the pit.

Important note

An angry Iron Man can be a frightening sight, so keep all little children inside. He will try to escape so make sure that you do not go too near the edge in case he can reach over the top. The Iron Man may try to bargain his way out he may sob and weep and beg for his freedom. He may even promise you vast wealth, pretending that he knows the whereabouts of a dragon's treasure trove. Do not be fooled, the Iron Man only thinks of eating and sleeping.

1. Text Organisation: How many sections is this piece of text organised into?

2. Add numbers 1 to 4 to show the order things appear in the text

What you have to do	
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Introduction	

3. From the introduction, find and copy 3 things that might be happening to you.

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4. From the introduction, find a reason the iron Man is not so hard to defeat

5. In the what you need section it says 'a large lump of metal'. What 2 examples are given?

6. From the **What you have to do** section, find and copy 4 fronted adverbials that tell you when to do things.

7. Why do you think branches and soil are put on top of the brown sheet?

8. What will tempt the Iron Man to come to your trap?

9. List 3 things the Iron Man might do to show he does not like being in your trap?

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10. What might he promise you?

11. Should you trust the Iron Man? Explain Why

12. Draw a labelled picture of the trap